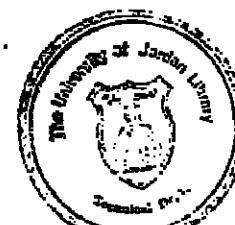


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Ghulam Mustafa Khar (left) stands on a jeep after being released from Rawalpindi Central Jail. His wife Tehmina flashes a V for victory sign to several thousand people outside the jail. (Reuters wirephoto)

Anti-Zia general freed

Pakistan releases Khar on bail

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 28, (Agencies): A prominent Pakistani politician serving a 14-year jail sentence was freed on bail yesterday so he could campaign in next month's parliamentary elections.

Witnesses said several thousand cheering supporters greeted Ghulam Mustafa Khar, a senior official under executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, as he left Rawalpindi Central Jail near Islamabad.

Earlier, the family of a retired general convicted of trying to overthrow the late military ruler Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq said the former officer had also been freed from prison.

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Baghdad may develop new deep-water port

Iraq will not give up any territory

MANAMA, Oct. 28, (Agencies): Iraq will make no territorial concessions to Iran at forthcoming UN-sponsored peace talks in Geneva, Iraqi diplomats and news reports said.

"The Iranian side should know that Iraq will not relinquish its rights or national sovereignty over its lands, water and border," the Baghdad government newspaper Al-Jomhuriyah said in an editorial yesterday.

Demands

"The current negotiations are not the first in the history of relations between the two countries, (but the Geneva talks) are distinguished with a clear advantage, in that the Iraqi negotiator is representing a people who have experienced Iranian exploitation."

Peace talks between the two former combatants began on Aug. 25 but remain deadlocked over the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway, which runs along the Iran-Iraq border.

Velayati in talks with Assad on Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati paid an unexpected visit to Syria today and immediately held talks with President Hafez Al Assad on ways to prevent the partition of Lebanon.

Velayati said before leaving Tehran that his talks would focus on Lebanon where he said plots were being hatched to divide the country, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Iran has condemned its arch enemy Iraq for supplying arms to Christian militias opposed to the strong Syrian political and military role in Lebanon.

The official Syrian news agency SANA gave no details of the visit but IRNA, said Velayati was carrying a message from President Ali Khamenei for Assad.

Activity

Velayati's visit coincided with stepped up activity to convene an Arab summit on Lebanon's crisis, which has left the country with no President and two rival governments — one Muslim-led and pro-Syrian and the other Iraqi-backed and Christian.

Diplomatic sources said Syria, Iran's main Arab ally in the Gulf war, opposed a summit solely on Lebanon but could not reject it outright.

Iraq, has recently sent artillery and tanks to the Christian hard-line Lebanese Forces militia. (See Page 3)

Driving into record books

SYDNEY, Oct. 28, (AP): London cabbie Guy Smith drove into Sydney yesterday morning with his sights on a world record and his meter calling for a fare of \$31,446.60 (\$35,346.01).

Sydney was the end of the line for his bid to gain the Guinness Book of World Records laureate for the world's longest taxicab trip.

He started 69 days and 14,418 miles (22,637 kilometres) ago in front of London's Buckingham Palace. Smith was accompanied by three other drivers: Kanelli Tsiros of Sydney and John Morgan and Edward Kelly of London.

The trip also was a fund-raiser for children's charities. Organisers estimated the trip — through Europe, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore before crossing to Australia — would raise (\$320,000) from sponsors.

"I can't believe we're really here," said Morgan as he pulled up in his black cab at the steps of the Sydney Opera House.

Iraq claims full sovereignty over the channel, its only outlet to the sea, but Iran demands implementation of the 1975 Algiers treaty, which grants Tehran and Baghdad joint sovereignty.

Iraqi diplomats concurred with the newspaper's position, saying Baghdad would sacrifice nothing at the Geneva talks, which are scheduled to begin on Oct. 31.

"We will not sacrifice our national rights under any circumstances," one Gulf-based Iraqi envoy, who requested anonymity, said in an interview. "We are not frightened of Iran. If they want to use force, let them try. We are waiting."

Re-open

Iraqi diplomats at the United Nations, meanwhile, said that Baghdad would like the UN to clear the Shatt Al Arab of mines, sunken ships and debris before any agreement on troop withdrawal and exchanges of prisoners of war is made.

They said it would take at least

two years and \$1.5 billion to clear the Shatt and make it safe for shipping again.

Iraq's UN ambassador Ismat Kittani said on Wednesday night that if the Iran-Iraq peace talks break down over the Shatt Al Arab, Iraq will re-open a new deep-water port just west of the Shatt.

The deep-water port of Khor Zouber, said Kittani, was a productive port before the war broke out in Sept. 1980 and could be restored if Iran is unwilling to guarantee free navigation on the Shatt Al Arab and agree to its dredging.

"We certainly can do without Basra" if necessary, said Kittani. Basra was Iraq's major port city on the Shatt, and was heavily shelled in the war.

As for rights to the Shatt, Kittani said: "Each is on his side (of the passage). We will decide the sovereignty of running water later" in the peace talks, he said.

"Whatever agreement is signed on the Shatt, both countries will be able to use it" with specific

rights to be worked out, added Kittani.

Iraq is ready to stay in Geneva for as long as needed, "until hell freezes over," another Iraqi diplomat said, but it will not agree to a prisoner exchange or a troop withdrawal until the water way issue is resolved.

Iraq, whose military victories over Iran earlier this year are generally credited with forcing Tehran to the negotiating table, displayed its determination not to give anything away to Iran last month.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein at the time unveiled an ambitious, multi-billion dollar scheme to divert the waters of the Shatt, which forms the southern Iran-Iraq border, several miles (km) to the west of the international frontier.

Iranian strongman Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani has hinted his country is ready to forgive the Soviet Union for supporting Iraq in the Gulf war. He told Moscow it can "find a good friend" in Tehran if it pursues improved relations in the post-war era.

Rail crash

LONDON, Oct. 28, (AP): Two empty railroad locomotives rolled off their elevated track today and crashed 50 feet (15 metres) onto a major road intersection, causing massive traffic disruption.

Group was planning an attack

W. Germany arrests fourteen Palestinians

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Oct. 28, (Agencies): A group of suspected Palestinian guerrillas arrested in West Germany planned an attack in another country and is believed to belong to a Syrian-controlled radical Palestinian faction, security sources said today.

West German authorities arrested 14 Palestinians in raids in several West German cities on Wednesday and yesterday and seized a large quantity of explosives, detonating devices and heavy-calibre weapons.

"There were so many weapons you could arm an army," one security source said.

Assaults

The sources said the suspects could have planned to attack Israeli targets ahead of Israel's Nov. 1 general election.

They said the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) could have been trying to discredit any moves by the PLO to seek accommodation with Israel.

Investigators believe the group may also have been planning to stage assaults to influence the US presidential poll on Nov. 8, the sources said.

Present structure in Moscow to be demolished

US to ship bug-free embassy building

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, (Agencies): The United States said it will prefabricate a new embassy building free of listening devices in America and ship it under guard to Moscow to replace a newly-constructed embassy riddled with Soviet bugs.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said yesterday that the new building, whose main elements would be fabricated in the United States and assembled under guard in the Soviet capital, would incorporate the latest high technology security devices.

President Reagan said earlier yesterday that a building con-

struction in Moscow to replace the present US embassy would have to be torn down because it was riddled with sophisticated Soviet listening devices.

Work on the building was started in 1983 but was stopped in 1985 when it was discovered that listening devices had been incorporated into the structure.

Reagan said destroying the building was the only way to ensure a secure facility.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said the spying allegations were "groundless, obviously far-fetched," and "just as in previous cases ... the US administration did not provide any material proof."

Security sources in Germany declined to give any details about the arrested men.

Alexander Prechtel, spokesman for the Federal Prosecutor's Office, said four of the 14 had been served arrest warrants for criminal conspiracy and other offences, and 10 had been released.

Confederation talks premature: King Hussein

LONDON, Oct. 28, (Agencies): King Hussein of Jordan has described talk of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation as premature pending a review of relations between his country and the PLO.

He spoke in an interview published yesterday in the London-based newspaper Al Hayat which asked the king to define future links with the PLO since Jordan relinquished responsibility for Israeli-occupied territories in July.

"The situation which arose after we took our measures makes the subject premature until the situation clarifies in a manner that will allow discussion of relations between the Jordanian and Palestinian families," King Hussein said, referring to a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

Abandoned

The idea has been an option proposed by PLO leader Yasser Arafat but abandoned after a year-old accord on a common approach to Middle East peace broke down in February 1986.

Arafat and Hussein, estranged since then, met in the Jordanian port of Aqaba this month to discuss co-ordination in Israeli-held territory. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was also present.

Hussein said the idea of setting up a joint PLO-Jordanian delegation to represent the Palestinians at an international Middle East peace conference had not been revived at Aqaba.

"I believe the PLO is in the process of clarifying its position and undertaking a political effort from the position of direct and

main authority in which it now finds itself," Hussein said.

The PLO, he added, was putting its house in order and Jordan supported inter-Palestinian dialogue in all its forms.

He did not rule out a second meeting with Arafat after the Nov. 12 session of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile expected to formulate a new policy on the occupied territories.

Egyptian Foreign Affairs Minister Esmat Abdel-Maguid was quoted today as saying Jordan and the PLO have agreed in principle to forming a Jordanian-Palestinian state.

However, the confederation would come about only after the PLO has come to terms on the Middle East with Israel and the United States, Abdel-Maguid told the Washington Post in an interview in Cairo.

President Hosni Mubarak has informed world leaders that the Arab states are prepared "as of now" to open peace negotiations with Israel under international auspices, the authoritative newspaper Al-Ahram said today.

Officials said Mubarak sent messages to the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and key European, African and non-aligned nations informing them of the results of his mini-summit last weekend with Hussein and Arafat.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that peace talks with the Palestinians would be impossible without Arab countries playing a role and that Egypt and Jordan eventually would have to join in such negotiations.

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Bush maintains his strong lead

WASHINGTON, Oct 28, (AP): George Bush, maintaining his strong lead in the latest voter polls, is charging anew that rival Michael Dukakis favours protectionism to promote US trade.

"It doesn't make sense to stick our heads in the sand, as some in the other party have suggested, and try to build walls around America," Bush told an audience yesterday in California's Silicon valley. "It doesn't make sense to launch a trade war and plunge America and the world into a recession."

According to the latest poll, Bush had a nine-point lead over Dukakis. That margin was similar to recent surveys showing double-digit and high single-digit advantages for Bush.

Dukakis, looking to reverse that momentum in the last 11 days of the campaign, invoked the image of former President Harry S. Truman, the underdog who won the White House four decades ago in a legendary upset.

"Harry Truman was a fighter and so am I and so are you," Dukakis told supporters in Illinois. "The Republicans are trying to do in this campaign exactly what they tried to do to Harry Truman and Jack Kennedy —

distort the record, try to put labels on people. But we're not going to let them do it."

Dukakis later travelled to Independence, Missouri, Truman's birthplace, to continue the theme.

At a stop in Kansas City, Dukakis sat for a 14-minute interview with Dan Rather on the CBS "Evening News," one of the main news programmes in the United States, where he conceded that Republican advertising had hurt his candidacy.

"There's no mystery about why they put those ads on. They have done damage. There's no question about that," he said.

Dukakis suggested that Bush resorted to the commercials "to divert public attention from the fact that this administration has probably had more corruption and malfeasance than any in recent memory, if not in history."

The Democratic nominee was continuing his campaign in Missouri today before heading to Michigan and later Boston. Dukakis' running mate, Lloyd Bentsen, was focussing on California — and its electoral prize of 47 votes — before returning to his home state of Texas.

We are moving forward on a modernization programme: Carlucci

NATO requires flexible nuclear forces in Europe

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Oct 28, (AP): NATO defence ministers said today the Western alliance needs to maintain flexible nuclear weapons with a variety of ranges in Europe to "take account of the scale and quality of the threat."

The statement released at the end of talks by the defence chiefs of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization made no mention of a dispute over Belgium's reluctance to sign on to a report on short-range nuclear forces.

At a news conference, NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner said the ministers' confidential talks were "an occasion for full and frank discussion, and this meeting was no exception."

Systems
"This was not intended to be a meeting where specific decisions on weapons systems would be taken," said Woerner, the former German defence minister.

"No decision on specific

weapons systems are required now nor have they been taken," he said.

Dutch Foreign Minister Frits Bolkestein said the final statement "doesn't contain any dissenting notes. We now see step by step developments toward a decision on modernization."

US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said, "we are moving forward on a modernization programme on a step by step basis ... we're very satisfied with the way the meeting progressed."

British Defence Minister George Younger said efforts would continue to lay the groundwork for modernization decisions "to be taken hopefully some time next year."

Abstained
Belgian Defence Minister Guy Coeque, at a separate news conference, said his country had abstained from endorsing a report given to the ministers on the con-

tinuing need for short-range nuclear weapons in the alliance arsenal.

Coeque expressed concern about making a decision now on the controversial issue of modernizing short-range arms. "Assuming any commitment now," he said, "would be premature."

In the statement, the ministers said, "our step-by-step approach, under which decisions will be taken when necessary, will ensure that NATO's nuclear forces continue to provide a credible and effective contribution to the alliance's strategy of deterrence."

Requires
The ministers agreed that "NATO requires diversified, survivable and operationally flexible nuclear forces in Europe across the entire spectrum of ranges, which take account of the scale and quality of the threat," said the statement.

While "encouraged by signs of change in the policies of the Soviet Union and some of its allies," the ministers "have seen as yet no relaxation in their military efforts," the statement said.

"In particular, Warsaw Pact superiority in conventional forces, with the capability this provides for surprise attack and large-scale offensive action, constitutes a basic source of instability and tension between East and West," it said.

As a result, the ministers said they were determined to take actions to "maintain the credibility of our deterrent forces, conventional and nuclear, which will be kept up-to-date where necessary."

Ministers were reviewing a classified report that sought NATO nation support for a revised short-range nuclear strategy in Europe in the face of superpower agreement to remove

medium-range nuclear weaponry from the European theatre.

Concept

The report sought support for the concept of continuing to rely on short-range nuclear weaponry as a pillar of alliance defence.

A purported summary of the classified report was released by the British-based Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the British-based British-American Security Information Council, an anti-nuclear information group.

The summary outlined options for restructuring NATO's short-range nuclear forces, including the deployment of more, longer-range, dual-capable aircraft that would carry a longer-range tactical air-to-surface nuclear missile for attacking Soviet air defences from fighters.

Pakistan proposes strategic consensus

ISLAMABAD, Oct 28, (Reuters): Pakistan's Army chief has proposed a "strategic consensus" with Afghanistan, Iran and Turkey and said India had ambitions that affected the sovereignty of neighbouring countries.

Chief of Army Staff General Mirza Aslam Beg, has said "the geopolitical environments of the region call for a strategic consensus between Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and Turkey," the official APP news agency reported.

"Such a consensus would be a source of great strength, security and stability in the region," he told student officers at a military college in the western town of Quetta.

The agency's report of Beg's speech did not explain what consensus form Pakistan, a strong US ally in the region, wanted the proposed consensus to take.

Hostility

He said Pakistan had difficulties on its eastern borders because of India's hostility.

"The hostility and confrontation on this border would continue till such time India gave up such ambitions," he said.

The two countries have fought three wars against each other since their independence from Britain in 1947.

Beg said India's efforts to build up its military might and "their involvement in Sri Lanka bore ample proof of such hegemonistic designs, which impinge upon the national sovereignty and independence of smaller neighbours."

His remarks about India were the most outspoken by a Pakistani official since the death of military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in August in a plane crash.

Israel rounds up journalists

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 28, (Reuters): Security forces in Arab East Jerusalem and the Israeli-occupied West Bank rounded up at least 30 Arab journalists and trade unionists in an overnight swoop, family and colleagues said.

Palestinian sources said the arrests seemed aimed at preempting heightened anti-Israeli protest in coming weeks as Israelis vote in a general election and Palestinian leaders abroad debate declaring an independent Palestinian state.

Among those arrested were Mohammed Abu Libdeh, an editor of Al Fajr daily and executive member of the Arab Journalists Association, and Saman Khoury, of the French news agency Agence France Presse.

An Army spokeswoman would not confirm or deny the reports. "We don't give information about arrests. There are always arrests, we can't give specific information," she said.

Arab Journalists Association head Radwan Abu Ayyash said four of the association's nine-member executive committee were now being held without trial.

Other members, including Abu Ayyash, have been jailed without trial for periods of up to six months since the outbreak last December of a Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

A Palestinian was shot dead in the Gaza Strip yesterday as Palestinians stepped up violent protests.

Hospital officials in the Gaza Strip said Ziyad Thabet, 16, of Nuseirat refugee camp was shot twice in the chest and died on his way to the hospital.

Soviets set to open new chapter in space race

MOSCOW, Oct 28, (Reuters): The Soviet Union is set to open a new chapter in the space race today when the Buran shuttle blasts off from Baikonur space centre, riding piggy-back on Energia, the world's biggest booster rocket.

The winged Buran (snow-storm) craft, its hull covered in white ceramic heat-proof tiles, will leave the launch pad in Soviet central Asia at 6:23 am Moscow time (03:23 GMT), the official Soviet news agency Tass said.

It will orbit for a few hours, completing two or more circuits of the earth. Unlike the maiden flight of the US shuttle it will not be manned, officials at the Soviet space organisation Glavkosmos said.

Manned

However, there are plans for flights with up to four-man crews and as many as six passengers. Officials say it is too early to predict when the manned flights will be launched, and insist at least one more unmanned test will be necessary.

If the launch is successful the Soviet Union can challenge the Americans on shuttle flights, the centrepiece of NASA's space programme, while maintaining their lead in space station technology with the Mir complex.

By advancing on several fronts simultaneously, Moscow will also not be so vulnerable to major setbacks such as the explosion of Challenger in Jan-



Energia, a multipurpose space transportation system consisting of a new powerful booster rocket, and an orbital reusable spacecraft Buran seen pictured at the launching site of Cosmodrome Baikonur. (Reuters-wirephoto)

uary 1986 which killed seven astronauts and grounded the US programme for more than two years, Western experts say.

"We are ahead of the United States in orbital stations and we concentrated our main forces in this direction, meaning we could not get the means necessary for a shuttle programme," a senior space official told Komsomolskaya Pravda today.

"But most experts think we need both a single-use and reusable system," he added.

Meanwhile, a West European Ariane rocket blasted off from its space base in French Guiana last night and placed a French broadcasting satellite into orbit, space agency officials said.

The Ariane-2 rocket lifted clear of the European Space Agency's centre at Kourou at 11:17 pm (01:17 GMT) and released the 2.1-tonne satellite into orbit 20 minutes later.

Plot to overthrow Khomeini

TEL AVIV, Oct 28, (Reuters): Israel, the United States and Sudan plotted in 1982 to overthrow Ayatollah Khomeini and restore Iran's monarchy, according to a book to be published next week in Israel and America.

"The Iranian Triangle" by Israeli journalist and historian Samuel Segev says then-Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon planned to send Israeli officers secretly to Sudan to train a task force of Iranian monarchists to land in Iran and put Reza Pahlavi, on the throne.

The plan, which was to have been carried out in early 1983, was concocted by exiled Iranian generals with CIA head William Casey, Segev said,

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Showdown with Lebanese Christians possible

Syria masses troops

TRIPOLI, Lebanon, Oct. 28. (Agencies). Syria has moved more troops and arms to frontlines facing Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia in north Lebanon ready for a possible showdown, security sources said today.

The sources told Reuters that Syrian troops, deployed in Koura and Batroun districts in the north, recently brought in tanks, artillery, armoured personnel carriers, and missile batteries of various calibres. And during the past three days, Syria had also moved more troops to the area, the sources added.

Political sources said the new move was a precautionary measure by Damascus in case of a military showdown with the LF, which controls a wide sweep of territory from East Beirut to the north along the coast.

Residents said Syrian troops had stopped them from reaching their olive groves along the 30 km (20 mile) long zone running from the coastal town of Batroun to northern remote villages.

Fears of a confrontation between Syria and the Christian forces increased after the Christians aborted two presidential election sessions over the past two

Sudan sentences 5 Palestinians to death

KHARTOUM, Oct. 28. (Reuters). A Sudanese court has sentenced five Palestinians to death for bombing and machinegun attacks on Khartoum hotels and a club on May 15.

Seven people, including five Palestinians, were killed in the attacks on the Acropole Hotel and the Sudan British Club in central Khartoum.

Two Sudanese, including an Arab, were also sentenced to death. The death sentences were passed on Imad Ahmed, Sherif Ezzat, Hassan Qasim, Mustapha Aref and Ibrahim Saleh.

Confess

All five said they belonged to the "Arab Revolutionary Cells" organisation and confessed in court to carrying out the attacks. Their trial opened on June 19.

The five were members of the Acropole Hotel, mostly from Sudan, and the Sudan Club, whose members are almost exclusively British and Commonwealth citizens, were spy nests.

Defence lawyers said they would appeal to death sentences to a higher court.

France orders drug company to go ahead with abortion pill

PARIS, Oct. 28. (Reuters). France ordered a drug company today to distribute a controversial abortion pill withdrawn in the face of strong protests from religious groups in Europe and the United States.

"In the interest of public health, Mr Claude Evin (Health Minister) has ordered Roussel Uclaf to restart the production of RU 486. The (Roussel Uclaf) laboratory has agreed to do so," the health ministry said in a communiqué.

The company says the drug, marketed in France under the name Mifepistone and for use early in pregnancy, removes the need for surgical abortions. Evin said the company's top executives and their families had been subjected to "scandalous pressures."

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Ferry disaster

Search still on for Filipino survivors

TACLOBAN, Philippines, Oct. 28. (Reuters). Rescue vessels and helicopters scanned a string of remote islands today for more survivors of a Philippine ferry disaster in which the ship's operators said at least 282 victims were still missing.

Shipping authorities launched a probe into why so many passengers were not listed on the ship's manifest after dozens of unregistered survivors were picked up by rescue teams.

"We're still hoping that there are survivors in other islands. Communication with these areas is very difficult," said Cesar Go, manager for ferry operators Sulphur Lines in the central Philippine city of Cebu.

He denied claims published by Manila newspapers that the 2,855-ton Dona Marilyn may have been carrying up to 1,000 passengers and crew when it went down on Monday during a typhoon.

"Definitely not. We are sure there is no overloading," he said by telephone.

Picked Go said 203 survivors had been picked up, including 37 crew. Twenty-six people were confirmed dead and 282 still missing.

The Cebu Coast Guard said they believed at least 300 people remained unaccounted for.

Many of the dead were children who were swept into the raging waters as typhoon Ruby

struck, packing winds of 185 kph (115 mph). Only two children have been recovered alive so far.

Banded survivors told yesterday how passengers pleaded with crewmen to shelter from the typhoon but the captain sailed on while broadcasting the prayer "Hail Mary" by loudspeaker.

"Some passengers were crying, shouting 'please stop, let's not go on'," said one teenage girl who was carried to port yesterday with a group of 138 aboard the rescue ship Cebu Princess.

Two surviving crew members said the ship's purser, Irwin Lim, was killed by local fishermen when they found he was carrying the money from the Dona Marilyn's ticket sales.

Asked about the alleged killing, Bernardo Cabigon, manager for Sulphur Lines in Tacloban, said: "I learned it from my crew and am investigating the matter."

He said the body of Lim was among eight brought from the tiny island of Almagro to Tacloban yesterday.

Crew members said Lim was seen handing out money to the people of Almagro for having saved him and the others. "Then they killed him and threw the body out to sea," said one.

The Philippine Senate's Public Services Committee opened hearings today into the causes of the disaster and why the Dona Marilyn was allowed to leave Manila harbour with a typhoon approaching.

Libya denies it will produce chemical weapons

ROME, Oct. 28. (AP). The Libyan Foreign Ministry, responding to charges by the head of the CIA, says Libya has no intention of producing chemical weapons, the official Libyan news agency JANA has reported.

CIA Director William Webster, talking to reporters in Washington on Tuesday, said that Libya was building a chemical arms plant which was the largest the CIA had ever detected.

JANA, in a dispatch from Tripoli which was monitored in Rome, said the Foreign Ministry said in a statement that "it is absolutely untrue what the US officials are reiterating about the building of chemical weapons factories in Libya."

he should respond to the fraud and racketeering indictment, the newspaper said.

The US government is accusing Khashoggi of acting as a front for Marcos to help divert assets.

A federal judge has ordered that a government doctor examine Marcos to determine whether he is well enough to fly to New York and enter a plea to conspiracy charges, against him.

Warrant against Khashoggi

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28. (Agencies). Federal agents have obtained an arrest warrant for financier Adnan Khashoggi in connection with fraud and racketeering charges filed against him and deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The Saudi Arabian businessman is believed to be "lying low" in a European country while he consults with advisers about how



A group of farmers clamours for food handed out by rally organisers in New Delhi.

Violence rocks Srinagar

SRINAGAR, India, Oct. 28. (UPI). Bombings and clashes between police and pro-Pakistan Muslim youths rocked Srinagar, the picturesque summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state yesterday leaving more than 40 people injured, officials said.

The violence came during a city-wide strike marking the anniversary of the day in 1947 that Indian troops were airlifted to the state to repulse forces from neighbouring Pakistan.

The strike was called by the Peoples League and the Islamic Students League, political parties that believe Jammu and Kashmir, India's only Muslim-dominated state, should secede and become part of Pakistan, 96 per cent of whose 100 million population is Muslim.

The strike closed virtually all shops and privately owned

businesses throughout Srinagar. Only government offices and educational institutions stayed open.

Crowds of Muslim youths gathered in parts of the city chanting "Long live Pakistan," "Indian dogs go home," and "Down with India," and threw rocks at passing vehicles.

Clashes erupted when police attempted to disperse the protests. Officials said at least eight police officers were injured by stones and a crude bomb hurled by demonstrators in the Zal Dagar area.

In Fatah Kadal, in the centre of the old city, four police were hurt by rocks, prompting officers to open fire on demonstrators, at least 12 of whom sustained bullet wounds, officials said.

Clashes in other parts of the city left at least six more police officers hurt, officials said.

Nusrat cheered during campaigning

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 28. (Reuters). Troops, Afghan refugees and even opponents cheered the widow of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto during her election campaign in Pakistan's north-west yesterday, a local news agency reported.

Soldiers stopped their vehicles and saluted Nusrat Bhutto as she drove through the garrison town of Risalpur in the North West Frontier Province, the privately-run PPI news agency said. It reported Air Force men also

came out to see her and Afghan refugees gave victory signs.

It was the first report of soldiers cheering an opposition politician in the campaign for the Nov 16 election.

Crowds In the nearby town of Nowshera, even the supporters of an alliance opposing Pakistan People's Party (PPP) joined in chanting pro-Nusrat slogans, PPI said.

Nusrat Bhutto has been drawing big crowds since she launched the PPP's campaign in Pakistan's

biggest city of Karachi. Her daughter and the party's effective leader, Benazir Bhutto, is recovering from a kidney infection.

The PPP, Pakistan's largest political party, faces its main opposition from a nine-party alliance led by the supporters of the late military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Benazir Bhutto has recovered from a kidney infection and may start her election campaign on Monday, a spokesman for the PPP said today.

100 feared dead

DHAKA, Oct. 28. (Reuters). Bangladesh officials say hopes are fading for the lives of more than 100 people still missing after an overcrowded ferry sank on Wednesday in the Meghna river in the south of the country.

Police said rescuers used fishing nets to retrieve six bodies from the ferry Sonali.

Officials in Barisal district told reporters they feared the 100 passengers still missing had been drowned and carried away by strong currents.

Farmers leaving Delhi ahead of Rajiv rally

NEW DELHI, Oct. 28. (Reuters). Thousands of north Indian farmers who gathered in New Delhi to demand higher grain prices began dispersing today ahead of a massive rally planned by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party on Monday.

But leaders of the protest ignored their supporters' departure and vowed to continue their sit-in on the road flanking a three-lined avenue in central Delhi leading to the presidential palace.

The road was still jammed by farmers but only about 10,000 farmers led by Mahendra Singh Tikait have stayed back to spend a fourth night in the Indian capital.

The farmers also want higher wages for agricultural workers, lower electricity charges and a waiver of loans to farm owners.

Indian newspapers quoted Rajiv, on a visit to the southern state of Tamil Nadu, as saying he was willing to consider farmers' demands but he would not buckle in to pressure.

"We are willing to do more for them but we will do nothing under pressure," he was quoted as saying.

Newspaper analysts have said the farmers present Rajiv with a dilemma. If he accepts their demands it would cost the government millions of dollars but if he rejects them it could cost him the vital farm vote in next year's general elections.

Preparations were continuing, meanwhile, for Monday's Congress rally marking the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Rajiv's mother.

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\$1.036 million allocated to institutions

CAIRO, Oct 28, (KUNA): The Arab Gulf Fund for supporting programmes of the United Nations (AGFUND) Thursday signed five agreements allocating US\$1.036 million to private Arab institutions concerned with child and mother welfare.

AGFUND Chairman Prince Talal Bin Abdel Aziz, who is also chairman of the Arab Council for Childhood and Development, signed the agreements on behalf of the programme, a report by AGFUND said.

The Alexandria-based Women's Association for Health Improvement will get US\$191,000 to upgrade society centres, it was reported.

The occupied Gaza-based Association for Handicapped Children will be provided with \$100,000 to implement a programme on mother and home care, the report noted.

It added that the Sharja Association for Humanitarian Services of the United Arab Emirates will receive \$15,000 to develop the programme's services there.

The Tunisian Centre for Modern Rehabilitation will be provided with \$545,000 for similar development programmes, the report said.

Six artists win gold medals at arts festival

BAGHDAD, Oct 28, (Reuters): Six artists, two from Iraq and one each from India, the Soviet Union, Britain and West Germany, won gold awards for their paintings on Thursday at Baghdad's Second International Arts Festival.

Culture Minister Latif Nassif Jassim presented each artist with the Saddam Award and \$15,000. He said the festival brought Arab and foreign artists together to exchange views and learn about each other's artistic traditions.

About 800 works from 42 countries went on display during the one-week festival, which started on Monday. Fourteen artists won silver awards and \$5,000 each.

The six gold medalists are A'la Bashir and Mohammad Mahr Al Deen from Iraq, Nevan Sandram from India, Anatoly Spilchev from the Soviet Union, Briton Lance Smith and West German Ulrich Schroeder.

Amir pays tribute to Namibian fight for independence

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 28, (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Thursday paid tribute to the "brave struggle" for independence by the people of Namibia and their liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

The message of the Amir, who is chairman of the current session of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, was submitted to the UN Council for Namibia during the opening session of its week of solidarity with the Namibian people and SWAPO.

"I wish to express once again our full support for these people and our solidarity with them in regaining their legitimate rights, including their right to self-determination, national independence and a free life after the eventual lifting of trusteeship, that trusteeship which was imposed on them without any consultation," the Amir said.

The Amir criticised South Africa for its arbitrariness and intransigence, and its flouting of higher values and international law.

Positive

South Africa, continues to block the path toward justice while considering itself above UN Security Council resolutions, he said.

"It even tries to set back the clock, return to the era of colonialism, which is over, and apply the law of the jungle," he charged.

"I therefore find myself, as every other lover of justice and righteousness, duty-bound to remind the international community, as represented at the United Nations and the Security Council, to take a more positive, firmer position and to find the adequate ways and means for implementing their resolutions," he said.

The Amir called on all countries of the world, particularly the major ones, "to seek earnestly to ensure and strengthen human rights while free from self-interests and caprices so that peace and concord may replace grudges and antagonism. "Peace presupposes the

assurance of human rights, and through its realisation, mutual understanding, reciprocal trust and co-operation will prevail and thereby the world can witness a new era of stability and further prosperity and progress," the Amir said.

Optimism

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti UN Ambassador Mohammad A. Abulhassan, as chairman of the Asian group for the month of October, expressed optimism for the attainment of Namibia's independence.

The "concerned parties to the problem are moving in a serious and effective way on the path toward the implementation of Security Council Resolution 435."

"From our side, we re-emphasise, that whether current efforts for attaining the independence of Namibia bear fruit or not, the problem of Namibia should always be treated as a colonisation act that violates the principles and purposes of the UN charter and the relevant resolution of this world body," Abulhassan said.

Abulhassan urged implementation of the UN peace plan without any preconditions or any delay. The world community must continue to put pressure on South Africa to carry out peace talks until the independence of Namibia is realised, he said.

Iraq to host desertification conference

BAGHDAD, Oct 28, (OPECNA): The first Arab conference on combating desertification opens here Saturday.

Organised by the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, in co-operation with the National Council for Scientific Research, the gathering will be attended by experts from Kuwait, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Sudan and Iraq.

Studies on sand dune monitoring by satellite, salt distribution in desert oases, the causes of soil decay and water shortages in desert wastes will be examined by the assembled experts.



● The Austrian Ambassador to Kuwait Hans Demel held a reception to celebrate his country's National Day. Kuwaiti officials and diplomats attended the reception held at the envoy's home in Rawda. Above: Demel welcomes a Kuwaiti guest as Mrs Demel looks on.

News agency says economic situation good

VIENNA, Oct 28, (KUNA): Despite the difficult circumstances the Gulf region had experienced over the past few years, the economic situation in Kuwait is good, the Austrian news agency affirmed.

A report published by the agency, on the occasion of the scheduled visit to Kuwait by President Kurt Waldheim on Monday, indicated that the Kuwaiti 1988-89 fiscal year showed a 3.8 per cent hike in revenues over the previous year.

It added that predictions indicate that the deficit resulting from the decline in oil prices, will slide by 2.2 per cent over last year.

A lasting peace between Iraq and Iran will give a new boost to the Kuwaiti economy, it affirmed.

The report also spoke of the economic situation in Syria. Waldheim's visit there began yesterday.

It affirmed that the astronomical defence spending and the Syrian presence in Lebanon has led to mounting Damascus' foreign debts.

Damascus, however, hopes for a revived economy this year by increasing the budget by 20 per cent and is counting on discovering new oil wells and increasing its oil exports.

Spanish minister meets with Amir

MANAMA, Oct 28, (Agencies): Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Ordonez, touring the Gulf as part of Madrid's preparations to assume the presidency next year of the European Economic Community, met on Thursday with HH the Amir of Kuwait and handed him a message from King Juan Carlos.

The contents of the Spanish monarch's message to the Amir were not divulged, but Kuwaiti government officials said it dealt with bilateral as well as regional issues.

Ordenez left Kuwait on Thursday for Madrid at the end of an official two-day visit to Kuwait.

The minister met with Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and other officials. They discussed bilateral relations and political and economic issues.

Also on Thursday, Spanish Minister of Industries and Energy Claudio Aranzadi left Tehran at the end of a three-day official visit after signing a letter

of understanding on Tehran-Madrid industrial co-operation.

Spanish and Latin American companies hope to share in Iran's post-war economic reconstruction, according to Gulf-based Spanish diplomats. Iran has pledged to give Spain preferential treatment as a reward for its decision not to send warships to the Gulf during the Iran-Iraq war.

Uprising

Ordenez arrived in Kuwait on Wednesday from Saudi Arabia. He held talks on Wednesday with his Kuwaiti counterpart on the situation in the Gulf region after Iraq and Iran agreed to a ceasefire in the conflict.

Spanish-Kuwaiti talks also dealt with Middle East developments, particularly the current Palestinian uprising on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Spain, a rising European industrial power, assumes the presidency of the European Economic Community on Jan 1. It will succeed Greece the current president.

South Yemeni leader due to arrive in Oman

MUSCAT, Oct 28, (AP): Oman and South Yemeni flags were hoisted side by side in the streets today amid preparations for President Haider Al Attas' visit to Muscat, the first ever to Oman by the head of the neighbouring Aden government.

Al Attas is due to arrive on Saturday, climaxing efforts to ease political, ideological and border disputes that have prevailed since Yemen's independence from Britain in 1967.

The visit is expected to last four days.

Basis

Oman and South Yemen, officially known as the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, (PDY), are located on the southern edge of the Arabian Peninsula.

Oman controls the Strait of Hormuz jointly with Iran on the eastern side and South Yemen shares control of the Bab Al Mandeb waterway with North Yemen, or the Yemen Arab Republic.

In 1982 a declaration signed in

Kuwait outlined the basis for normalising relations.

But progress remained slow, despite meetings of a joint committee that sought a border demarcation agreement. Last year, Omani and South Yemeni ministers traded visits, accelerating the peace effort.

The government-controlled Oman Daily Observer wrote this week that the visit will "further consolidate existing relations between Oman and the PDY (South Yemen)."

Border problems will rank high on the agenda of the talks between Al Attas and his host, Sultan Qaboos. Western diplomats said.

"There will be some pretty hard talking about the border, but the very fact the visit is taking place indicates an easing of attitudes in both Aden and Muscat," said a Western diplomat, who could not be identified under embassy rules.

"The question remains how much of a consensus has been established in Aden as to how relations with Oman should be played out," he said.

Experts recommend policies to fight parasitic diseases

KUWAIT, Oct 28, (KUNA): Health experts in contagious parasitic diseases Thursday recommended preventive health policies and urged their countries to adopt strict measures to avert the spread of such diseases.

The recommendations were issued at the conclusion of a three-day symposium, under the patronage of Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak on "main contagious gastro-parasitic diseases" here. The forum was organised by the Mediterranean Regional Bureau of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The chairman of the meeting and Kuwaiti representative Dr Abdul Aziz Al Anzi told reporters that the experts recommended intensive health and preventive measures against foreign workers who carry such diseases, such as domestic servants, cooks and food handlers.

The conferees called for training health care providers in diagnosis of the diseases. Other countries should be given information on recorded cases, they said.

In addition they also called for free treatment of these types of diseases in countries that impose fees on health services, he added.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Gulf Marketing Society to stay

THANKS to Commerce Minister Habib Qassim, Gulf Marketing Society (GMS), a major regional marketing organisation, will remain in Bahrain.

The island had been in danger of missing out on a chance to act as the headquarters of the Gulf Marketing Society because of a delay in getting the government's go-ahead.

But Qassim's intervention led to official approval. The minister's role was praised by GMS President Abdul Shirowi, who had threatened to resign over the issue.

"I would like to thank Habib Qassim for his support. He was behind this project all along and encouraged us to go ahead," said Shirowi, general manager of the Bahrain-based Baleroo.

The GMS board met the minister recently and discussed the organisation's budget, along with its programme for the next 12 months.

The society, which so far has more than 200 members throughout the region, will play a key role in developing the Gulf economy through activities such as export promotion and market research.

According to Shirowi another important function would be to develop training courses through its links with the marketing institutes in Britain and Ireland.

GMS is also planning to launch a quarterly Gulf marketing magazine, he said. He added that GMS will take up an offer of offices from the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce.

"It is important for us to be in close contact with the chamber, which has promised its support," he said.

Libraries to be expanded

A MAJOR plan has been launched to expand and update Bahrain's public library system.

The annual budget for new books has been boosted from BD7,000 to BD30,000. Library shelves are to be shifted and fully updated in the first major overhaul since the system was set up more than 40 years ago.

The improvements were ordered by the Ministry of Education. A formal system of library regulations, believed to be the first of its kind in the Gulf, is also to be drawn up.

"Up until now there were no prescribed rules and regulations," said Mansour Sarhan acting director of public libraries of the Ministry of Education.

"It has now been formalised with clear guidelines for libraries and users to follow. We believe we are the first in the Gulf to do this," said Sarhan.

A committee of experts is to be formed next month to select books and study user needs.

"Outdated books, especially in science and technology, will be removed along with those for which there has been no demand," said Sarhan.

"It is a sensitive and big task and will take a long time. We began in January," he said.

There will be an annual review of the performance of the libraries and goals achieved.

According to Sarhan, the ministry aims to establish a good relationship with public libraries in other countries and exchange books on a regular basis.

The Manama public library is to be expanded and will contain a special section on books from the United Nations.

Coca-Cola ban lifted

BAHRAIN has officially lifted its ban on Coca-Cola, which was reintroduced to the island in July after a 20-year absence.

The island's Israel Boycott Office has removed the world's top selling soft drink from the blacklist, according to the Official Gazette.

"Arab countries placed the American company on the boycott list in 1967 because it has a bottling franchise in Israel."

"But Coca-Cola has now given guarantees not to form 'any future relations with Israel,'" said the local boycott office.

The lifting of the ban applies to all the company's subsidiaries and trade-marks.

Coca-Cola recently introduced a second product, Fanta orange drink, to Bahrain.

Coca-Cola has been reported to be selling "exceedingly well" in the local market since its reintroduction to the island.

Saudi Arabia is now only GCC state where Coke is still banned.

Sri Lankan crafts to be displayed

AN exhibit of Sri Lankan handicrafts will be held at the Diplomat Hotel from Sunday until Friday.

There will be a display of traditional crafts which are characterised by vigorous and bold designs and vibrant colours.

Sri Lankan designs are usually made of mythical animals, lions, swans and elephants. Colours typically used are red, yellow, green and black.

Thirty-eight pieces of art will be displayed — an increase of 16 over last year's exhibition.

The exhibit will be opened at 5pm on Sunday by the American ambassador.

Banking industry makes progress

THE banking industry in Bahrain has maintained steady progress from March to June this year, according to the latest quarterly report released by the Studies and Statistics Department of the Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA).

In the offshore banking sector, the aggregate assets/liabilities reached US\$63.2 billion by the end of June, an increase of US\$0.5 billion, or 0.8 per cent compared to March.

At the end of June, the aggregate assets/liabilities of commercial banks (including contra items) amounted to BD2120.8 million, a decrease of BD55.8 million or 2.6 per cent of the level of BD2176 million at the end of March.

Total assets (excluding contra items) stood at BD1587.5 million in June, compared to BD1572.7 million at the end of March.

There has been an increase in private deposits from BD845.6 million to BD846.5 million. Private BD deposits (including CDs) amounted to BD578.5 million in March compared to BD580.3 million in June.

Deposits in foreign currencies rose from BD265.3 million in March to BD268.0 million in June.

Kuwait minister meets with official from East Germany

KUWAIT, Oct 28, (KUNA): State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi on Thursday held talks with the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of Germany, Heinz Dieter Winter on bilateral relations and developments in the Middle East.

An authorised source said the two sides expressed the desire to develop and boost co-operation between Kuwait and East Germany in various fields.

The source added that the Osaimi-Winter talks also dealt with international affairs.

Winter, who is visiting Kuwait, invited Osaimi to visit East Germany.

Later in official talks between Kuwait and the Democratic Republic of Germany the Kuwaiti side was presided by

Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen and the German side was headed by Winter.

An official source at the Foreign Ministry told KUNA that the talks tackled bilateral ties and several issues of joint interest.

The speech of HH the Amir of Kuwait before the UN General Assembly on Sept 28 was reviewed during the meeting.

The German side showed special interest in the economic aspects of the Amir's speech, particularly his call to reconsider the debts of poor countries.

Joint committee

The source also told KUNA that the official talks dealt with the activities of the Kuwaiti-German joint committee and its annual meetings, the first of

which was held in 1970.

The two sides also emphasised the need to support the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran within the framework of UN Security Council Resolution 598, the source said.

He also said that the talks touched on the Middle East conflict, particularly the Palestinian crisis. The Kuwaiti side affirmed its support to the Palestinians' rights under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Al Shaheen briefed the German guest on Kuwait's support for the independence and unity of Lebanon.

Osaimi also informed Winter about Kuwait's support for Sudan's call for an emergency Arab League meeting to discuss the Lebanese crisis.



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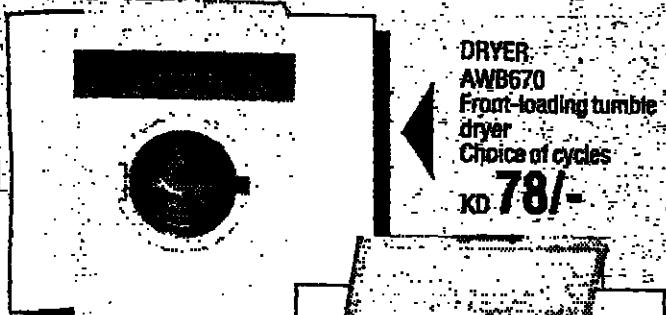
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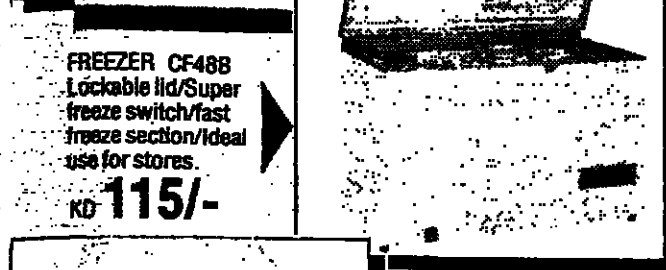
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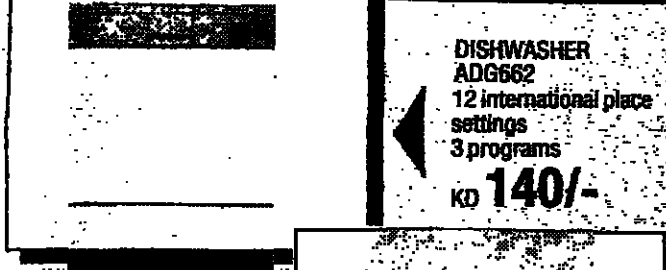
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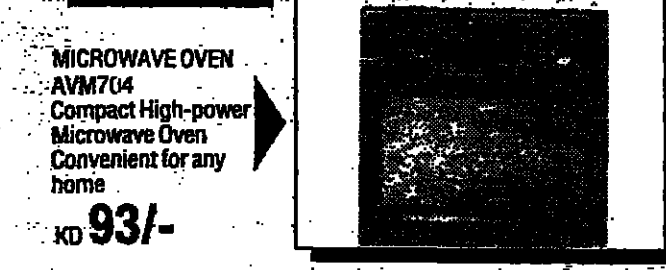
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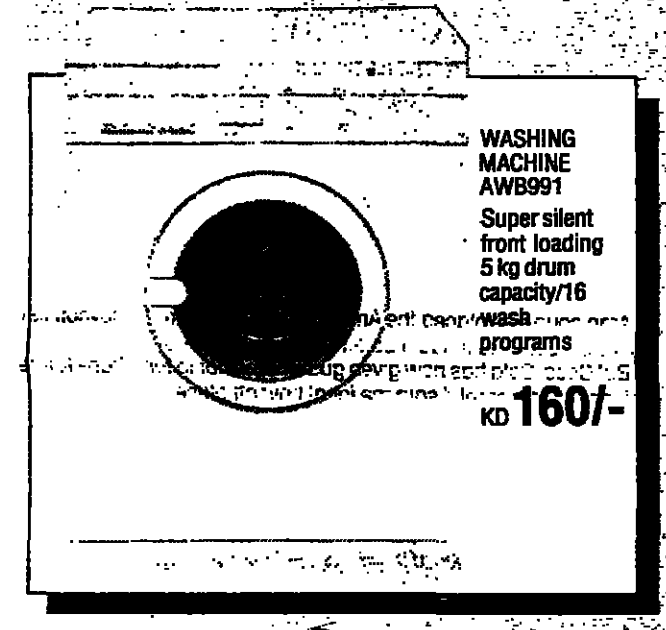
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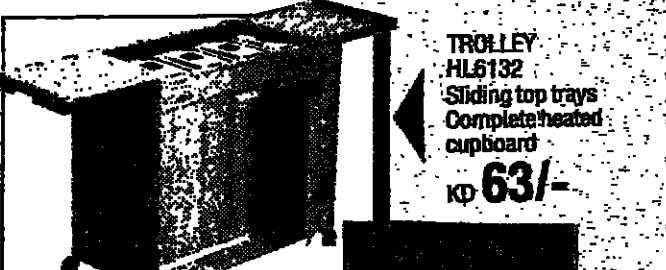
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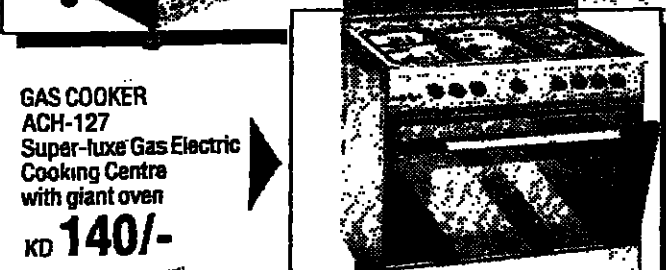
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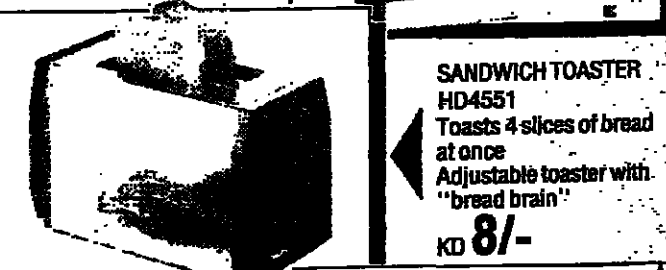
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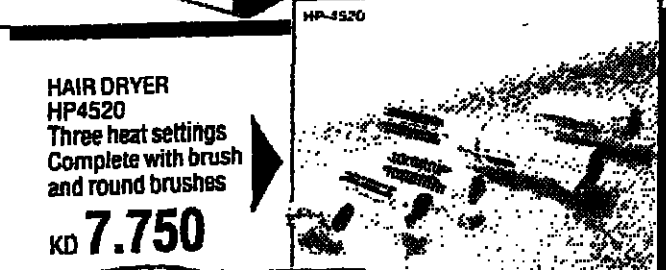
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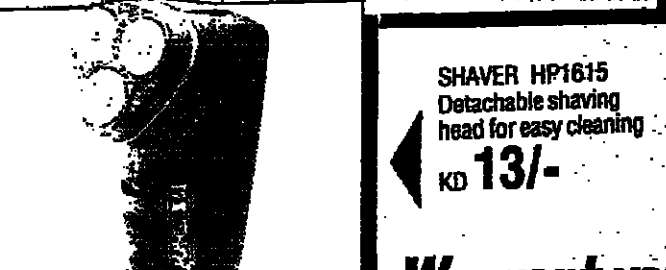
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CONSERVATION

Singing birds worry conservationists

By Adam Schwarz

JAKARTA. (Reuters): In the east Jakarta bird market, the Java turtledoves are singing, practising for a contest that will decide which has the sweetest voice.

The winner of the contest later this month will fetch several thousand dollars for its owner. But while the birds chirp, conservationists worry that without suitable protection several species are headed for extinction.

"The problem of endangered birds is much worse than most people believe," says Derek Holmes, a naturalist working on a book about the birds of Java.

Traders at Jakarta's biggest bird market insist only non-protected birds are sold. Bird markets are a common feature in many Indonesian towns.

The government sets export quotas on most species and traders must apply for a permit before selling any bird for export. Protected species cannot be exported.

Environmentalists complain, however, that any bird can be had for the right price and export permits are often overlooked. Worse, they say, many traders do not even know which birds are protected.

Selling protected birds is tempting. A pair of black palm cockatoos — favourites with foreign buyers — sell for as much as \$5,000, more than most Indonesians earn in five years.

In the Jakarta bird market, more than 50 species are displayed. Merchants and curious tourists jostle for position serenaded by a thousand birds.

Conservationists admit the greater threat to Indonesia's birdlife comes from smugglers who take endangered birds from the nation's outer islands to neighbouring countries.

Plumage birds of eastern Indonesia — especially cockatoos and birds of paradise — are reportedly shipped direct to Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Kamil Usman, who heads a small group of ornithologists pushing for stricter export quotas, complained that protected Indonesian birds were on sale in Singapore.

Supervised
By the beginning of 1988, more than 300 of Indonesia's 1,500 bird species were considered endangered and in need of government protection.

Although Environment Minister Emil Salim has introduced comprehensive regulations to protect the environment, many international conservation groups are sceptical.

More than 150 state supervised game parks and nature reserves have been set up across the long archipelago to protect the country's wildlife, including huge tracts of land in Sumatra, Kalimantan and

Irian Jaya.

Many of the reserves were set up specifically as bird sanctuaries. One such reserve, in west Bali, is now home to the last 100 Bali starlings still in existence.

A shortage of manpower and financial resources, however, has meant enforcement efforts still lag far behind existing legislation.

Poaching, even within sanctuaries, is said to be widespread.

"Poaching is so serious in some reserves that populations of some species are actually declining," said one wildlife expert.

Two years ago a bird merchant in Irian Jaya, the Indonesian half of New Guinea, was convicted of selling protected birds of paradise. It was the only arrest for bird smuggling that many experts remember.

Conservationists confront a small but determined group of traders who feel current legislation protecting birds is more than adequate.



A trader soothes two birds of prey at a market in Jakarta, Indonesia. The country is home to one of the largest collections of exotic birds, with over 1500 species of which 300 are on the endangered list.

Harun Pasma, who exports about 1,000 birds a year, accuses foreign environmentalists of over-reacting and meddling in Indonesia's affairs.

Pasma feels that existing regulations in Indonesia and

vigilance by foreign countries are sufficient to keep a lid on the trade of protected birds.

The United States and European countries, for example, do not allow in any Indonesian bird without a proper

export permit, which are only granted to registered traders.

"They're trying to control our home," says Pasma. "We know which birds are endangered and we don't need anyone else to tell us."

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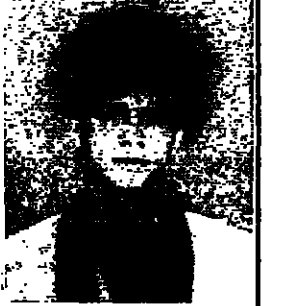
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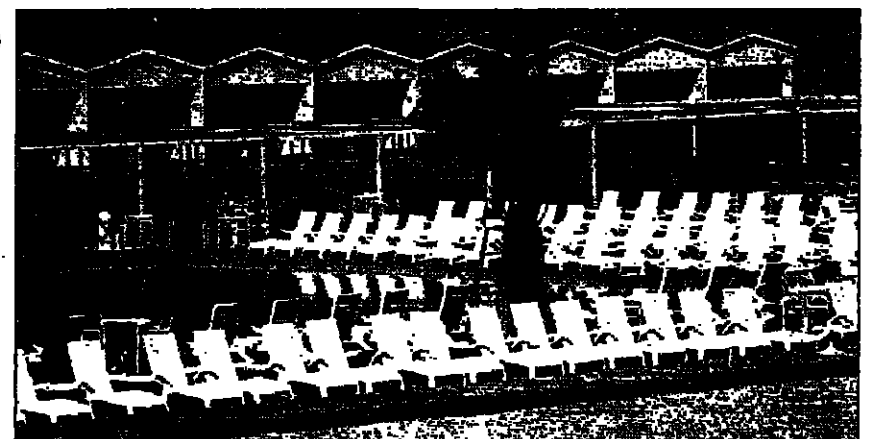
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Truth is the casualty in US presidential war

By Laurence McQuillan

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The truth has been one of the chief casualties in the political war between George Bush and Michael Dukakis as both men shade reality to offer their version of the facts.

The presidential candidates are trading charges of lying as the Nov 8 election date nears and political analysts generally agree that pure truth has not been filtered to the voters by either campaign.

"Mark Twain once said a lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes," said Democrat Dukakis, invoking the words of an American humorist known for his biting wit.

"Bush must have read Mark Twain because he is running a campaign based on distortions, distractions and outright lies," Dukakis said of his Republican rival.

Ads

Bush, who holds a 13-point lead in a CBS-New York Times poll released on Tuesday night, claims Dukakis has been "using ads accusing us of lies — because he is desperate, not because it's false, but because he is weak on crime and defence."

The charges and counter-charges are not limited to campaign speeches. They also have been piped into voters' living rooms courtesy of television advertisements.

"The commercials are simplifications that boil things down to the point they leave a distorted residue," says Stephen Hess, an expert on presidential politics at the Brookings Institution public policy thinktank.

He says the finger-pointing tactics reflect the fact "there are no overriding issues... and no overriding personalities. This is what you get left with."

Bush advertises claim he personally "led the way" in reaching the historic intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty signed by President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

In reality, the vice-president had no role in negotiating the treaty, although he was an enthusiastic supporter.

Dukakis commercials, on the other hand, claim Bush "personally cast the tie-breaking vote to cut \$20 billion in benefits" from the politically-sensitive Social Security program.

Hussein back in Middle East peace process

By William B. Ries

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (UPI): Improved relations between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation have put King Hussein back in the Middle East peace process and right in the middle of the Israeli election campaign.

With Israelis voting on Tuesday, the unexpected weekend meeting of Hussein and PLO chief Yasser Arafat at the Jordanian resort of Aqaba has become a campaign issue and thrown into sharp contrast the attitudes of the right-wing Likud Party and the centre-left Labour Party toward dealing with Arab countries.

Hussein and Arafat announced that they would revive PLO-Jordanian co-operation in settling the Arab-Israeli conflict. Although the extent of the new-found co-ordination has yet to be defined, it is clear Hussein is back in the picture after declaring in July that he was disengaging Jordan from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, apparently ruling out representing Palestinian interests in peace talks.

Benefit

The summit outcome could benefit Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, who wants to enter negotiations with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, adamantly opposes such talks.

The two parties, which have governed in a shaky alliance for four years, both oppose talking to the PLO because of its refusal to recognize the existence of Israel.

For Peres, the king's re-entry has provided a potential partner once more for the peace process, although there are still many barriers to talks.

Security Retirement System

Bush, in his constitutional role as president of the Senate, voted to break a deadlock and temporarily freeze cost-of-living increases in social security benefits. No "cuts" were involved.

And Dukakis, in his role as Massachusetts governor, backed a similar measure as part of budget policy recommendations adopted by the National Governors' Association.

Republican commercials have hit Dukakis the hardest in the areas of national defence and crime, claiming he opposes "virtually every defence system" proposed while fostering a Massachusetts weekend release programme for prison inmates.

One Bush commercial ridicules Dukakis' dreams of becoming military commander-in-chief by showing the tiny candidate in an oversized helmet riding an M1 tank around a vacant plot of land.

Oppose

Dukakis, who says Republicans waste billions in defence spending, does oppose some nuclear arms programmes favoured by Bush. But he has voiced support for a wide range of weapons systems, from the Trident missile to the Seawolf attack submarine. He would like more emphasis on conventional weapons.

The weekend leave programme for inmates in Massachusetts was something Dukakis inherited from a Republican governor.

However, Bush campaign commercials show hardened convicts streaming through a revolving door. Across the screen flash the words "268 escaped" followed by "many are still at large."

State officials estimate at least 72 of the inmates technically were listed as escapes because they were more than two hours late in returning. Only three are still at large.

Revising

On the other hand, Dukakis has stretched the truth in taking credit for revising the programme in hope of preventing a repeat of an incident in which a convicted murderer raped a woman while on short-term release.

He first resisted the revision before bowing to political pressure once it became clear the Massachusetts legislature was prepared to act over his opposition.

Influence

Likud and Labour, running even in the polls, each sought to interpret the summit in ways that would influence the crucial "swing voters" in the so far predictable campaign.

Avi Pazner, Shamir's spokesman, dismissed the meeting as a "smokescreen." On the other hand, a spokesman in Peres' Foreign Ministry said the meeting showed "Jordan is going to assume an important role," once more in any peace process.

Before the Aqaba meeting, Hussein stepped into the middle of the Israeli election during an appearance on ABC-TV's "nightline" programme. The king said Peres' policies were a "step forward" while Shamir's proposals would be "an absolute disaster."

Oppose

Likud, which is opposed to any territorial compromise in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, called the comments "crass intervention" in Israel's affairs. "No precedent exists for introducing an Arab ruler in the Israeli election campaign in such an acute manner," Shamir said during a television debate with Peres Sunday.

Peres rejected the charge, saying: "I want to ask you something: Is it a sin or an accomplishment to enlist an Arab country in the cause of peace?"

Arafat advised Israelis to "elect those who raise the banner of peace, those who can give a forward push to the peace effort."

Israel chooses a new government on Nov 1

World looks to the victor to deliver peace

By Alistair Lyon

AMMAN, (Reuters): Whether hawk or dove rises from the dust of Israel's election battle, the world looks to the victor to deliver peace with the Palestinians and Arab states.

Israelis have the choice on Nov 1 between what many see as the iron fist of Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir, the silken glove of his Labour rival Shimon Peres or a hand-in-glove coalition.

During the past 11 months the world's perceptions of Israel have been coloured by nightly images of violence.

Television viewers around the globe have witnessed unequal battles between grim-faced Israeli occupation troops and angry, stone-throwing Palestinians.

Important

The revolt in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in which more than 310 people have died, has denied Israel's image and drawn international attention to the Palestinian aspect of the Arab-Israeli struggle.

"This election is important because it is the first time the question of relations with the Palestinians is a real issue," said a Middle East expert in the US administration.

Though the future of the occupied lands is the central

issue, the election campaign aroused scant excitement in Israel until Egypt, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) intervened in spectacular style.

Many world leaders appear to have an unspoken preference for Peres, the present foreign minister, who has pledged to work for an international conference and territorial compromise in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Officials said they find it harder to see movement towards a settlement emerging from a victory by Shamir, now prime minister, who rejects any land-for-peace deal.

"You can forget about an international conference if Shamir wins," said a Belgian government official.

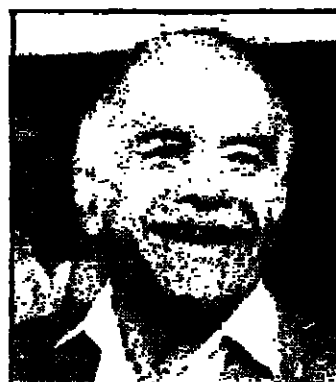
Moscow has dangled the carrot of resuming full diplomatic ties with Israel if it attends an international conference.

US French and British leaders have received Peres warmly in recent weeks.

Terroristic

Italy's socialist leader and former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi last week described as "terroristic" a claim by Shamir that Palestinian independence would lead to world war.

Western and socialist governments may hope for a Peres success but are careful not to be seen



Yitzhak Shamir

intervening too blatantly in the internal affairs of the Jewish state.

Jordan, Egypt and the PLO have shown no such reticence.

In separate appeals to Jewish and Arab voters, the PLO on Monday urged the Israeli electorate to "vote for peace."

"By favouring the forces which represent the real peace choice, Israelis can contribute to the success of this opportunity and to moving the whole Middle East towards new horizons," an unprecedented PLO document told Jewish voters.

The PLO said Israeli voters would decide on "the shape of the future" and called on Israeli Arabs not to abstain.

It did not tell them who to vote for and PLO official Khaled Al Hassan denied the organisation



Shimon Peres

wanted Peres to win.

"The only difference is that the Likud wants you to drink the poison directly, without anything, not even ice, and the Labour, they give you the poison mixed with honey," he said.

King Hussein of Jordan, however, made his position plain on US television last week when he said a win for Shamir would be an "absolute disaster" and described Peres' ideas as "a step forward."

The PLO made its pitch after Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak helped the Jordanian monarch mend fences with PLO leader Yasser Arafat at a surprise mini-summit at Aqaba on the Red Sea.

Few details of the talks emerged, though officials said there was some accord on confeder-

ation between Jordan and an independent Palestinian state to be declared at a PLO conclave next month.

Talk

But the central aim was clear: To tell Israel, the United States and rest of the world that the Arabs, including the PLO, were ready to talk peace with Israel at an international conference.

"Let him (the Israeli voter) know when he casts his vote that there is an Arab partner ready for negotiations," said Mubarak adviser Osama Al-Baz.

Egyptian officials dismissed claims by Shamir's Israeli supporters that the 1978 Camp David accords and the 1979 peace treaty with Cairo showed Egypt could do business with Likud.

"That was (then-Prime Minister Menachem) Begin. This is Shamir," one official said.

Shamir has denounced what his aides call a foreign plot to prevent a Likud victory, but the Aqaba summit won cautious praise from the United States and Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Hardline Arab states like Syria, and many Palestinians, have scorned the idea that Labour offers an improvement on Likud.

"Unless there is real American pressure on Israel to change its policies and accept the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people,

no Israeli politician would accept these rights," a senior Syrian official said.

Jordan hopes that the US and Israeli elections will clear the way for co-operation between Moscow and Washington on the Middle East. Moderate PLO officials say such an effort by the superpowers could then dovetail with the PLO's new emphasis on a two-state solution, which implies its recognition of Israel.

Shamir has sworn never to negotiate with the PLO.

Peres has not ruled out doing so if the PLO recognises Israel. Diplomats say China and the Soviet Union have urged the PLO towards recognition of Israel.

Opinion polls show Peres running neck-and-neck with Shamir in the election race, suggesting neither will win outright.

The US Middle East specialist said that even if Peres gained power he would be hamstrung without Likud support for a major peace initiative.

"Shamir is more likely to drag his feet on the peace process and press for more (Jewish) settlements in the occupied territories," said the expert, who asked not to be named.

"But if he ultimately went for a serious peace effort, he would have a better chance of succeeding than Peres, because he could bring the right wing with him."

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By John Fullerton

BEIRUT, (Reuters): For Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, the increasing disintegration of Lebanon threatens a central pillar of his 18-year-long leadership and his dream of pan-Arab unity, diplomats and political observers say.

"No one except possibly Lebanon's rightwing Christians and some Druse want Lebanon partitioned," said a European diplomat. "For good reasons the Syrians want it least of all."

For Assad, who seized power in a bloodless coup in 1970, Lebanon has long been the centrepiece of both domestic and foreign policies. His forces have repeatedly intervened in the neighbouring state's 13-year-old civil war with the declared aim of preventing any single sect from emerging as the victor.

The fear in Damascus is that partition would give Syria's foes a firm foothold in Lebanon. Syria intervened militarily in Lebanon's affairs in 1976, and still has at least 25,000 troops in west Beirut, north Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley in the east. Israel controls a so-called security zone inside southern Lebanon.

Assad, a former fighter pilot who has pledged to establish what he calls strategic parity with

Lebanon's division threatens to thwart Assad's dreams

Israel, will need all his considerable skills as subtle tactician and negotiator to salvage Syrian prestige from the Lebanese quagmire.

"Look at it from his point of view," said a Lebanese observer of Syrian affairs. "Partition is anathema to Damascus — it would mean a rightwing Maronite Christian enclave on his flank that would be pro-West, pro-Israeli and pathologically anti-Arab."

The sense of danger for many Syrians goes further than threats to political doctrine aimed at building Arab unity or the need to have a buffer client state between it and Israel.

It revives painful memories of foreign and specifically Western intervention, the dismemberment of "natural Syria" into colonial possessions and the establishment of a Jewish state in what had been southern Syria.

In 1860, sectarian rivalries erupted in a massacre of Christians by Druse, prompting a French landing in Beirut.

A semi-autonomous Christian Maronite district or Sanjaq was established in Mount Lebanon,

separated from the rest of the Syrian by a customs barrier.

But if further communal bloodshed was temporarily averted, the exclusive links forged between Paris and the Christian Catholic minority, as well as the activities of the Christian clergy, exacerbated animosity on the part of the Arab majority, and particularly Muslims.

France and Britain drew new lines on the map in 1916, splitting Syria into spheres of influence.

The Sykes-Picot Agreement was seen by many inhabitants of the region as a betrayal of Britain's World War I pledge of support for Arab independence in return for help in breaking up Turkish rule.

Four years later, France cut out a further chunk of Syrian territory when it created greater Lebanon, incorporating the important ports of Tripoli, Sidon and Tyre as well as the fertile Bekaa Valley. For many Arabs, French recognition of Syrian independence fell far short of their nationalist hopes.

From the Syrian viewpoint, 13 years of civil war in Lebanon has

clearly demonstrated that the confessional power-sharing system which France helped engineer has failed to secure communal peace or stable government.

But for Damascus, an alternative system which provides Muslims with a greater share of power and is acceptable to Lebanon's Maronite minority must seem hopelessly elusive.

Diplomats say that perhaps the greatest single blow to Syria's role in Lebanon was the Gulf war ceasefire last August.

Lebanon complains

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 28, (Reuters): Lebanon, in a letter published today, strongly condemned an Israeli air attack on Wednesday near Sidon which it said killed 15 people and wounded 40, and reserved the right to request a Security Council meeting.

The letter, from Lebanese UN representative Rachid Fakoury to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, also complained that the United Nations and the Security Council had remained silent.

Migrants lured by wages

By James Kynge

TOKYO, (Reuters): Wei Lie graduated from Beijing University in 1986, but 18 months later was digging ditches in Tokyo.

The 26-year-old Shanghai native had to leave his windowless room before dawn to get to the construction site on time. The 10-hour days were gruelling and he was paid 5,000 yen (\$37) a day, less than half the amount his Japanese workmates earned.

"It is selling your strength like an ox," said Wei, who later found an easier job in a restaurant.

Foreigners

He forms part of a poor and often illegal immigrant Asian labour force flocking to Japan in record numbers to do jobs the Japanese scorn.

Most of the migrants — from the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh — are lured by wages that seem like fortunes back home. In Tokyo, the

Hardship and hope in Japan

world's most expensive city, they can barely live on them.

The number of foreigners known to be working illegally in Japan rose 24 per cent to a record 7,196 in the first half of this year from the same period a year ago, according to Justice Ministry figures.

"But there is an unknown pool of roughly 50,000 to 100,000 unskilled foreign labourers," said a member of the Justice Ministry's advisory panel on unskilled immigrant labour.

Japan looks upon the immigrants as undesirable who could increase crime and foment racial unrest. The adviser said he expected a clampdown on immigrant labourers next year.

"The overwhelming feeling on the panel is that they do not want to introduce unskilled foreign labourers," he said.

Many are highly educated. All live in fear of deportation. When

interviewed, they asked that only their first name be used.

Haque from Pakistan lives with 10 compatriots in a 10-square metre (100 sq foot) room. "It is lucky we all work, and sleep at different times of the day," said Haque, who has an evening job washing cars.

A young man from Bangladesh was found dead, reportedly from malnutrition, last year in Tokyo. In February this year, a Filipino died after suffering a heart attack on the way to the construction site.

Right

Like most other illegal immigrant workers, Fang Rong from Shanghai pays school fees and attends a school which gives him rights of residence under a "cultural" visa.

"My mother is ill. But if I leave Japan now, I will never be able to

raise the money to come back," said Fang.

"If you want to leave China as a student you have to have a financial guarantor in the country you are going to," said Fang. He said a fake "Japanese guarantor" costs 50,000 yen (\$373).

Despite all the problems, hope outweighs hardships for many young immigrants.

Amel, a graduate from a Bangladesh university, dreams that one day, instead of cleaning toilets, he will be a rich businessman speaking fluent Japanese.

Wei Li from Beijing has similar hopes.

"We are just the start of a wave (of Chinese migration to Japan)," he said. "Soon that wave will begin to wash back to the motherland. We can learn the techniques of Japanese industry, the language and the customs of the people."

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Rising radiation rekindles Sweden's Chernobyl trauma

By Lars Foyen

STOCKHOLM, (Reuters): A sudden renewed upsurge in radiation this summer has revived the trauma of Chernobyl in the provinces of Sweden hardest hit by the Soviet nuclear disaster.

Record levels of cesium 137, a long-lasting radioactive element released by the Chernobyl fallout, in stocks of game, lake fish, wild mushrooms and berries have shocked scientists and caused despair among nature lovers.

The rise to levels sharply above those in the year of the nuclear disaster may be temporary, perhaps the freak effect of an unusually hot summer.

But coming so long after the April 1986 atomic plant fire in the Soviet Union, it has confirmed a sinking feeling that life for

people in the affected areas will not be the same for a very long time.

"They are the big Chernobyl losers," said Karl Johanson, professor of radiation ecology with the agricultural university at Uppsala. "Their quality of life will be affected for decades," he told Reuters.

Contaminated Anglers are recommended to avoid many bountiful lakes in the worst affected areas of Sweden, the three provinces to the north east of Stockholm, where freshwater fish are severely contaminated.

Many hunters who usually stalk elk and deer in the area's vast forests during the autumn have simply given up.

These who are still hunting are discovering that their kills have much higher cesium levels than is recommended by the government.

They can take a slice of meat to government laboratories and if the level of cesium is too high, it cannot be sold. Many then simply bury the carcass.

Sweden has a deep passion for the outdoors, but thousands have had to visit the government laboratories for free radiation tests of game, fish, wild mushrooms and the lingonberries, blueberries and cloudberries which can be gathered during the autumn.

"The questions are always in the back of your head: How much radiation? Is it safe?" said Sven Norberg, a businessman in the north east coastal town of Ornskoldsvik.

Stocked Norberg's knowledge of hunting and forest lore used to keep the family's freezer stocked with elk meat, fish, berries and mushrooms throughout the winter.

"The elk hunt was always the high point of the year. Now it has all gone dull," he said. He hung up his rifle after the first elk he shot this season had too much cesium.

Much of the radiation problem was simply bad luck. Swedish meteorologists estimate that the chance was one in 100 that Sweden would receive the levels it did — some 10 per cent of the cesium escaping from Chernobyl.

Unfriendly winds drove a substantial share of the fallout towards Sweden from the

Ukraine disaster site, about 2,000 km (1,200 miles) to the southeast.

Rain and snow falling in northeastern Sweden the day after the disaster compounded the damage.

"The weather made it the hardest-hit area in Western Europe," Johanson said.

Limit Swedish authorities have imposed a cesium limit — 1,500 becquerels per kilo (2.2 pounds) — on commercial wild game, fish, mushrooms and berries. A becquerel is a unit used to describe the activity of a radioactive substance.

Radiation levels in deer meat this year have been much higher, in some cases up to 40,000 becquerels per kilo. Some lake fish have had

WOMEN/BEAUTY

In defence of designer allure

Why women can't resist cosmetics

By Anthea Garrie

AN earnest young woman called Penny Chorlton has come up with the shock revelation that women spend a fortune on cosmetics just because it makes them feel good.

She carps on in a would-be blistering expose called *Cover Up* about £1.50 moisturisers being basically the same as £30 pots of anti-aging cream and fine fragrance being an expensive rip-off.

She can't imagine why women persist in spending billions on their appearance when, she whines, all we really need is Vaseline and a few cut-price colours from the supermarket.

There's little difference, she sniffs, between budget lipstick and its top-of-the-range counterpart.

Tell that to the millions of women who flock to glossy department store counters, staked out by Chanel, Dior, Lancôme, and Co. Because they do perceive a difference worth paying for.

As one who spent a decade developing and marketing cosmetics, I can tell Ms Chorlton why women happily pay £7.50 for a Chanel lipstick when they can get some other for a tenth of the price.

"The appeal of prestige cosmetics is the image they give us to aspire to — we are willingly buying dreams in jars and bottles carrying off our luxury purchases with a joyful spring in our step rarely experienced leaving a grocery store."

The Chanel product is loaded with expensive pigment that gives it the best staying power in the business. But that's nothing compared to the way other women eye up the elegant black-lacquered, logo-stamped cylinder when you pull it out of your handbag. Designer lipstick has cachet.

The vital part packaging plays is reflected in the huge sales of prestige fragrances all over the world. A telling anecdote comes from Jean Benoit Kappelin of Parfums Christian Dior, formerly general manager for the Far East.

"We sell a ton in Japan — where they don't even care for fragrance. They buy it as gifts for other women, who then display the box prominently on a shelf in their library! The point is to show they recognise a designer brand when they see one."

Perhaps 10 per cent of the price you pay for a top product

finances its advertising — a point Ms Chorlton makes without grasping its significance. For the appeal of prestige cosmetics is the image they give us to aspire to — we are willingly buying dreams in jars and bottles, and we carry off our luxury purchases with a joyful spring in our step rarely experienced leaving the grocery store.

While some inexpensive cosmetics do work well, others lack quality and finesse; women largely get what they pay for — and what's more, they know the difference.

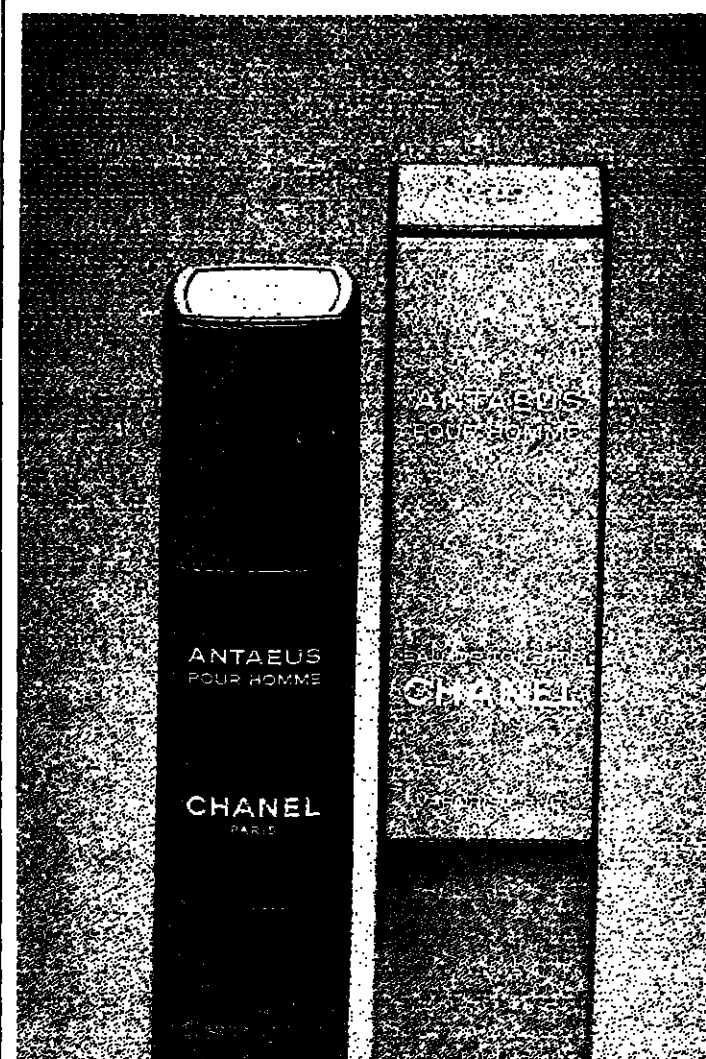
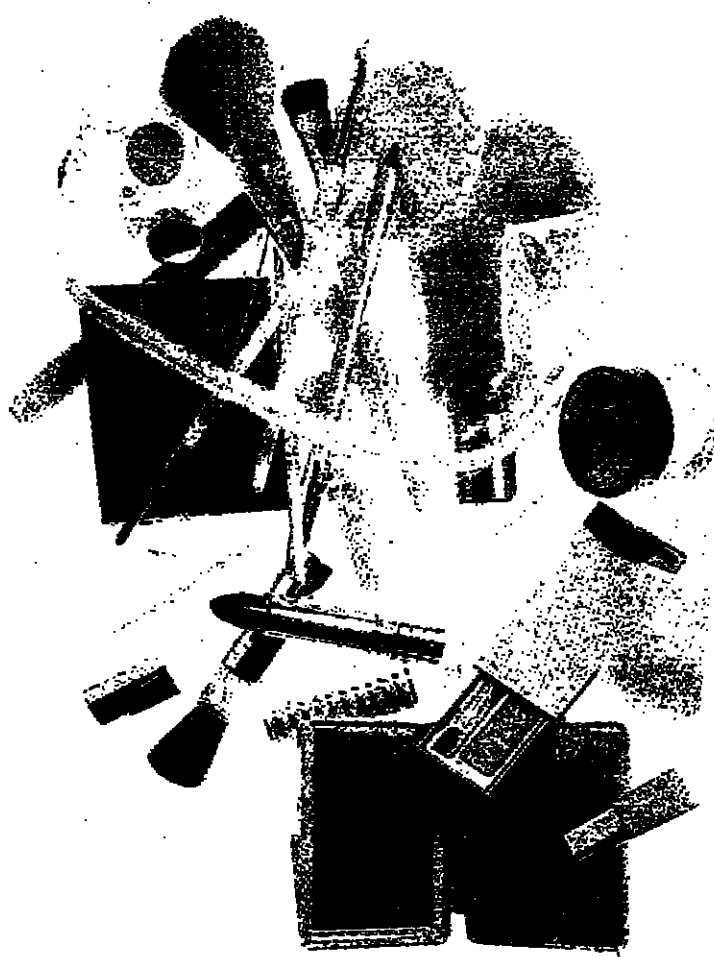
Ms Chorlton reveals a chink in her armour when she confesses that "whilst my own favourite fragrance is Chanel's Cristalle, I've yet to receive any

compliments when I am wearing it." Perhaps if she had, she might feel distinctly different about the world of cosmetics, which injects so much fun, colour and genuine wellbeing into the daily grind of the average working woman. All she has to do is to read the research that she quotes extensively in her book.

Jean Graham, a social psychologist in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania, has found that if women wear make-up they are more confident, efficient and outgoing than when they wear nothing on their faces, she reports just pages before she goes on to knock the industry.

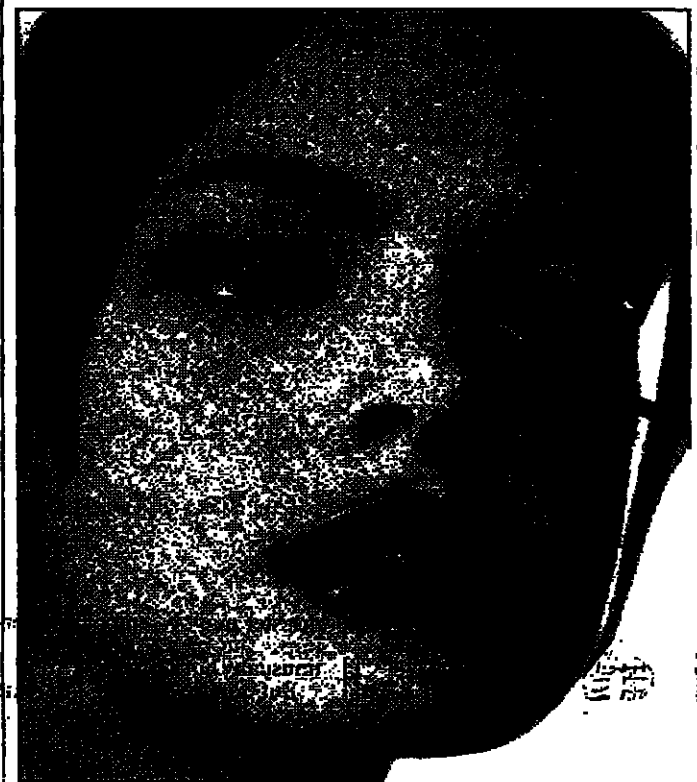
"She found that teaching women to apply skin creams and make-up not only improved their self-esteem but also their whole outlook and sense of optimism."

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2. Slowly open eye and brush mascara on underside of upper lashes, working from roots to tips.
3. Keeping eye open, hold mascara wand in a vertical position and brush across lower lashes.
4. By now, upper lashes should be dry and ready for another coat. Repeat steps 1 and 2.

Lash lapses

Clumps occur when you apply too much mascara at once. To prevent them apply one thin coat at a time and allow it to dry 30 seconds.

● Flakes can be caused by dried out mascara. To prevent them: Don't 'pump' the wand when you apply (that lets in drying air); instead, insert and twist it once for each coat.

● Dark rings result when too heavy moisturiser or foundation makes mascara unstable. To prevent them: Try a lighter touch when making up, or switch to a water-based base or moisturiser.

The safe takeoff

The fundamentals of mascara removal:

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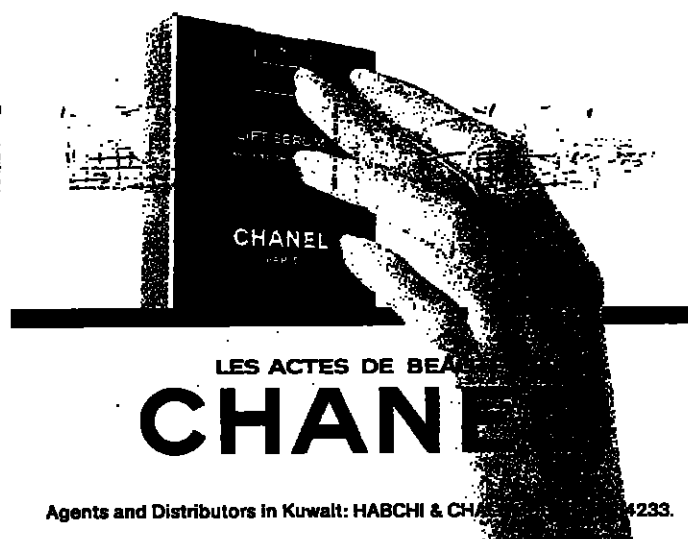
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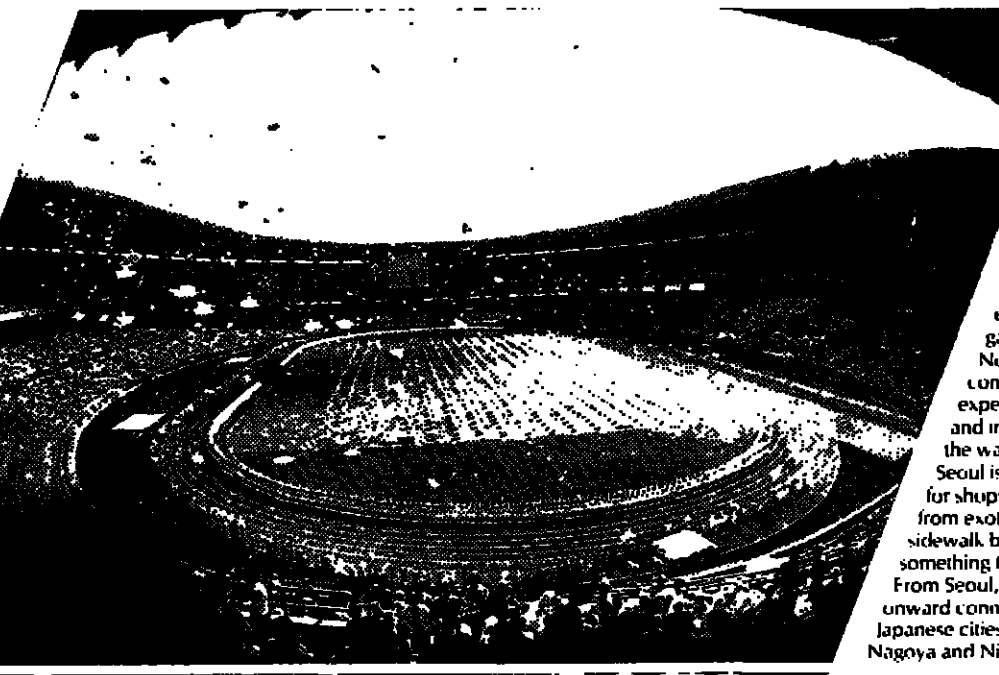
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[No hype, no gimmicks — just plain talent]

Chapman: she's the real thing

By Alex Molloy

NEW singing sensation Tracy Chapman looks back in gratitude to a tough upbringing in a black single parent family.

For the girl who once busked in shop doorways is now using all those harrowing experiences as lyrics for the gritty songs that are topping charts all over the world.

Tracy, aged 23, sings of such things as racial injustice, violence to women and the quality of food. She writes her songs and sings them in her own way.

And nobody is more surprised with her sudden success than Tracy herself. She says: "I was told no-one would listen to music like mine. But I stuck with it because I believed in it."

Now her new album, called simply Tracy Chapman, is a runaway success. Even though the singer, true to her principles, refuses to enter into the plastic world of hype.

And it appropriates enough, when Tracy sang for a cause close to her heart — at the Nelson Mandela birthday concert — she first achieved world fame.

Before that, her first album, released last April, was acclaimed by the critics but sold poorly. The concert in June changed all that overnight.

Soul-searing

Her soul-searing performance as she accompanied herself on an acoustic guitar left the audience stunned. By the next day that album was racing up the charts and teenagers the world over were talking about the new voice of the eighties.

Tracy was dazed by her success. She said: "It's happened very quickly. Much more quickly than I ever expected. Really it is just amazing."

"I ended up by reaching so many people during the concert in such a short time. This is something I could not do in years of touring."

"When I am performing, I'm doing something I love. There's a strong emotional involvement in playing to a

Life was always tough for the girl who once busked in the street. And no-one seemed to want to buy an album that had a heart-break message ... until Tracy suddenly burst into the big time after the Nelson Mandela concert in London. And the girl who once busked in shop doorways is now using all those harrowing experiences as lyrics for the gritty songs that are topping the charts.

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Today as the fame and the riches grow it all seems a long way from Cleveland, Ohio where Tracy was born. She was a gospel singer's daughter.

Tracy's parents divorced when she was very young, and as she grew up she became aware of the hardness of her home life, little did she realise that this would help her to write the uncompromising songs with a message that would put her firmly in the world of music spotlight.

She remembers: "I was very aware of all the struggles my mother was going through. It was hard being a single parent and a black woman trying to raise my sister Aneta and myself."

"There was always lots of music in our house though. I remember growing up to the sound of Betty Wright, Gladys Knight and the Pips and Marvin Gaye. I started to write songs when I was about eight years old. They were pretty terrible, so I like to think that I have improved a bit since then."

"I think that I got my singing voice from my mother. And I just found out recently that my grandfather, who is dead now, used to sing. But neither he nor my mother sang professionally."

"When people ask me about my music, they want to know if I see myself as a folk singer. Well, the answer is both 'yes' and 'no'. What comes to people's minds today when they think of folk singing is the

Anglo-American traditions."

The Tracy Chapman album does not pull any punches. It ranges over a series of raw nerve subjects, as well as touching on the pain of unrequited love. Tracy states: "The world is a mess. That's why, in spite of what of what people say, I don't include a percentage of humour in my album."

"I do not know if you can necessarily be humorous about some of the issues that I deal with in my songs. I don't know that it serves them very well to dilute things in that way."

"One thing that really concerns me is a sense of balance. How do you position yourself in relation to other people? It's a fine line sometimes, trying to hold on to yourself and your identity and having other people define them for you. I hope that people are discovering the record because they are really finding it means something to them."

Tracy writes all her own material and admits that it was her childhood, that has put its mark on some of her lyrics. She recalls: "They had desegregated all the schools, so essentially the school's black and white children were integrated, but the neighbourhoods where we lived were still segregated."

"It was an odd situation, because you would make friendships that wouldn't go beyond school time. A lot of really terrible things happened. There were sometimes violent incidents, people physically abusing me because I was

black.

"A lot of it happened when I was growing up in Cleveland. It's when you start to deal with the people who are more educated than things become more subtle. Because it's clear to them that they're not supposed to be honest about this sort of thing."

Tracy, a bright and determined youngster won scholarships to high school and university. But before she graduated in 1986 Tracy was already well on the road to a life filled with music. She was playing to crowded coffee houses and clubs.

And one summer when she could no longer stand her job mowing the university lawns, Tracy went out to busk. She remembers: "I was going to college to study anthropology. I was going to school and I was playing coffee houses, clubs, concerts, street performances and festivals for the entire four years I was there."

"But busking is lots worse than playing in clubs because there are so many distractions on the streets. You can feel rejected if people don't stop, so you have to kind of insulate yourself."

"It's legal to street-perform in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but I refused to use any kind of amplification. Lots of people do, but it's not fair because they drown each other out. So I just used to find spaces on the street that gave me a little acoustic support — doorways. And people would have to come closer than they normally would."

"The first time I street-performed was in November, the night before Thanksgiving. It was freezing and there were hardly any people out there. I made \$20."

While she was still a student, Tracy had her first break. As her coffee bar and club audience became more and more enthusiastic, one of her student fans urged his father to listen to her.

And that father turned out to be Charles Koppelman, joint founder of SBK, one of the largest music publishing and production companies in the



Tracy Chapman: sings straight from the heart

world.

Koppelman was impressed with Tracy's singing. And after her graduation in 1986, she signed a deal with SBK. The demo tape that she made there led to her signing with Elektra Records last year. She was also snapped up to be managed by Elliot Roberts, who managed Bob Dylan.

Elliot says: "When you have managed Bob Dylan, you know the real thing when you hear it. Tracy is the real thing. She has made it on talent."

"I always believed she would be a major act but never in my wildest dreams did I think that it would take 12 weeks."

Because of the richness and the emotional depth of her voice, Tracy has been compared to the British black singer Joan Armatrading. A comparison she insists is unfair. "I think that my voice is very different from Joan Armatrading's," she says.

But there is something similar about the two. Even if it is just the excellence of the songs they write. Tracy says: "I don't explain my songs to people. There's no need for me to do it. I'm really into letting people work the songs out for themselves."

"The few times that I have tried to explain them, it just hasn't worked out. Let's just say that there is as much fact as fiction in these songs in equal parts."

"I get mad about very specific things — about working conditions for people, the quality of food that we eat — but, in just a very general sense, clearly there are a lot of people who just don't care. They just don't care about other people or the state of the world."

"So I guess it is a matter of encouraging people to become more aware. I do not know that there is anything else that you can do once you have done this. You can't make people care." Perhaps that is true, but Tracy Chapman is certainly having a good try.

Folk-rock singer tops UK charts

LONDON (AP): Irish folk-rock singer Enya rose to the top of this week's British pop singles chart with her hit Orinoco Flow.

D. Mob rose one notch to the number two position with their song We Call It Aced while Whitney Houston dropped from the top to third spot with her One Moment In Time.

Three newcomers to the top 10 list were Kylie Minogue with Je Ne Sais Pourquoi, Inner City-Kevin Saunderson with their Big Fun and Milli Vanilli with Girl You Know It's True.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (3) Orinoco Flow — Enya (WEA).
- (2) We Call It Aced — D. Mob (London).
- (1) One Moment In Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (2) Don't Worry Be Happy — Bobby McFerrin (Manhattan).
- (8) Harvest For the World — Christians (Island).
- (14) Je Ne Sais Pourquoi — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
- (7) Girl You Know It's True — Milli Vanilli (Cool Tempo).
- (11) Big Fun — Inner City-Kevin Saunderson (10 Records).
- (8) Wee Rule — Wee Papa Girl Rappers (Jive).
- (6) A Little Respect — Erasure (Mute).

In New York, Phil Collins stayed on for the second week in a row at the top of the US single pop record charts with his Groovy Kind of Love.

Wild, Wild West by The Escape Club topped two notches to second position on the Cash Box chart, while the Beach Boys jumped three spots to third with Kokomo.

Last week's number three hit, What's On Your Mind (Pure Energy) by Information Society, slipped to fourth. UB40's Red Wine tumbled from second spot to completely off the top 10 list.

The Loco-Motion by Kylie Minogue vaulted to 7th place, up from 11th a week ago. Two other

newcomers to the top 10 list were One Moment in Time by Whitney Houston, up from 12th to 8th, and Never Tear Us Apart by INXS, up from 13th to 10th.

As for the country-and-western singles, T. Graham Brown's Darlene took over the number one spot on the Cash Box magazine chart.

Top Ten US

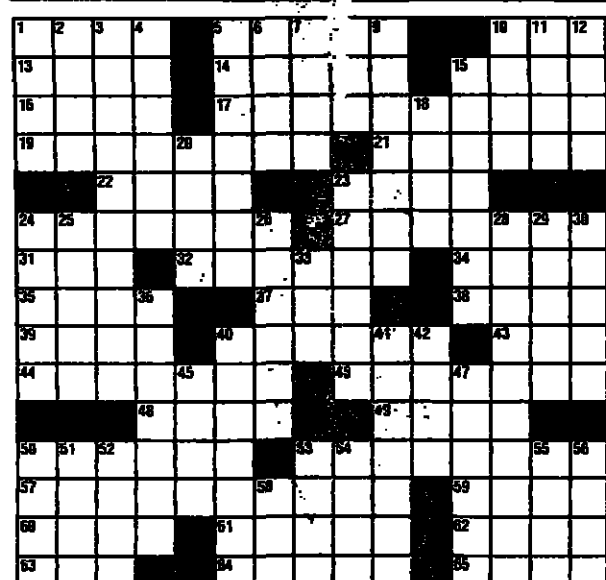
The Top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Groovy Kind of Love — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
- (4) Wild, Wild West — The Escape Club (Atlantic).
- (6) Kokomo — The Beach Boys (Elektra).
- (3) What's On Your Mind (Pure Energy) — Information Society (Tommy Boy).
- (5) Don't You Know What The Night Can Do? — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
- (10) Bad Medicine — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
- (11) The Loco-Motion — Kylie Minogue (Geffen).
- (12) One Moment in Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (7) Don't Be Cruel — Bobby Brown (MCA).
- (13) Never Tear Us Apart — INXS (Atlantic).

The Top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (2) Darlene — T. Graham Brown (Capitol).
- (4) Summer Wind — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
- (5) Runaway Train — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
- (6) Blue To The Bone — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).
- (1) Gonna Take a Lot of River — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
- (8) Saturday Night Special — Conway Twitty (MCA).
- (9) New Shade of Blue — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).
- (12) Desperately — Don Williams (Capitol).
- (10) What Do You Want From Me This Time — Foster and Lloyd (RCA).
- (4) I've Been Looking' — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bark cloth
 - 5 Soul or life
 - 10 Comprehend
 - 13 "It's ... world"
 - 14 Upright
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 - 16 Small monkey
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 - 19 Kind of well
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 - 48 Parts of a trip
 - 49 Arm
 - 50 Feldspar
 - 53 "...endow—, or a cat": A. Pope
 - 57 Whipper-snapper's cousin
 - 59 Western Indian
 - 60 Military attache
 - 61 Threefold
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♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ K J 6 4
♣ K 6

WEST
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♥ J 6 5 4
♦ 3
♣ 9 8 7 2

EAST
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♥ A Q 9 3
♦ Q 10 2
♣ J 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 9
♥ K
♦ A 9 8 7 5
♣ A 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Two of ♠

Had this hand cropped up in a good rubber bridge game, there would have been no story. South would have landed in a normal contract of five diamonds, and he would have considered himself a little unlucky not to have made an overtrick.

But the game was duplicate pairs, where minor suits have become like poor relations—welcome only in limited circumstances. So once North made the one bid his hand

called for by supporting his partner's diamonds, South bounced into the standard duplicate game—three no trump.

West led his deuce of spades, and we venture to hazard that, at many tables, the game would have waltzed home. Where we watched, however, East made a well-reasoned shift to beat the hand.

Declarer won the first trick in hand with the king, then cashed the ace of diamonds. When West failed to follow to the second diamond, discarding a low club, declarer elected to insert the jack to concede his diamond trick immediately. The defenders were at the crossroads.

East had seen that his partner had only a singleton diamond, and he knew from the opening lead that his partner held only four spades. Since it was reasonable to assume that his partner would lead from his longest suit, West could not have a five-card holding. His distribution had to be 4-4-1-4.

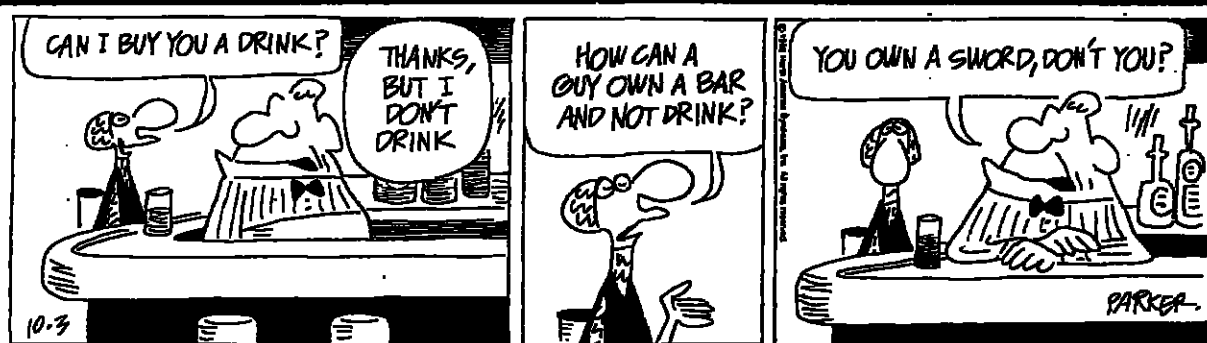
If that were indeed the case, declarer had to have a singleton heart. Just in case it was the king, East shifted to ace of hearts and continued with another when his majesty appeared. It was a simple matter for West to win the jack and continue the suit to allow East to take two more heart tricks and beat the hand.



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YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You will not be in the best of moods and should try to stay out of what does not concern you. Do not dwell so much on the past. Think more kindly of others. Be a little more positive.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
Today you will be able to make a few changes for the better. Spend a little while tidying up. Avoid doing anything that you know you might come to regret. Be more generous.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You will be able to do something more to your liking. Make sure you do not neglect your personal hygiene. Avoid overexerting yourself, but do not indulge in lackadaisicalness either. Be cordial.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
Today's better influence of the Moon coupled with that of the Sun will help you to put things straight. You should not try to evade the consequences of your actions. Do not think too much of the past. Be sensible.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You should spend some time dealing with an outstanding matter. Try to avoid contradicting yourself. If you hoped for some good luck you are likely to be disappointed. Be magnanimous.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
At first you will feel rather nervous and unsure of yourself but you will soon regain your composure. You should not expect to have your own way in all things. Avoid eating or drinking to excess. Be tolerant.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
You must make sure you do not break a promise. It would be wrong for you to drive too fast or too long without a break. Do not be in quite such a hurry. Be selective.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
Today you will rather more like your usual self. Venus' better influence will help you to feel more contented. The more self-reliant you are the less you are likely to be disappointed. Be frugal.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
At first you will not feel all that sure of yourself but soon you will regain your self-confidence. You should not worry about what might not and probably will not happen. There is no reason why should not be able to relax. Be trustworthy.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
The Moon's better influence will help you to put two and two together really to make four. You will be able to avoid coming into conflict with someone rather aggressive. You will be better able to accept the inevitable. Be tactful.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
Something you had feared might happen will not, nor will something you hoped would happen. You will be able to tidy up. You will be rather more sure of yourself. Be attentive.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You will find it easier to accept what cannot be changed. You will also find it easier to accept changes that have to be made. It would be wrong to take too much for granted. Be moderate.

Arabic calligraphy: لا اله الا الله

Kathak and odissi - delightful recital

INDIAN kathak dancer Kumkum Dhar gave a delightfully stunning performance at the kathak and odissi dance recital held at the IAC on Thursday night.

Kumkum's agility, vivacious, sensuous body movements and eloquent expressions never ceased to amaze throughout her 55-minute solo recital. One could have watched her dance throughout the night. Kumkum displayed a natural flair for kathak, immersed in dance she switched with poise from one emotion to another, emoting sympathy, joy, fear, sadness and devotion with equal ease.

Kumkum showed amazing stamina. The dancer was soaked in sweat but never wavered till the end. She began with a devotional number and followed it by explaining kathak's technicalities — upaj (footwork), tukras (fast pirouettes), abhinaya (expression) and nritya (body movements), ending it by



Ratna Roy: sculptural pose showing the Mughal influence on the dance form.

Kumkum's rhythmic wizardry and decorative grace, learned from her guru Lachchu Maharaj, were interpreted in style. She combined harmony of movement with a whirl of action, particularly in the Rang-e-Mahfil number.

The only disappointing factor in an otherwise superb evening was the poor turnout by the Indian community and the glaring absence of Arabs. As

the show was organised by the Indian Committee for Cultural Relations, one expected to see a larger number of nationals — Kuwaiti and Indian — among the audience.

The sparse turnout did not dampen the spirits of the trained, professional performers, who were showing some aspects from the vast Indian cultural heritage.

Odissi dance was one of them, a complete contrast from the sensuous beauty of kathak. Originating in the temples, odissi dance is purely spiritual, and the dancer a medium of expression. Ratna Roy seemed to be turning the pages of architectural history. Ratna's sculptural movements, and statuesque pauses, seemed to bring alive the models sculpted on the walls of Ajantha caves.

An invigorating sitar recital of Kirti Khan and a rhythmic sarod recital by Dhyanesh Khan completed the show.

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Kumkum Dhar: stunning (Photo by Louis Gomes)

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: A look at various means of transport.
7.00 Steel Riders: Lee and Mike tap the government computer for information and Sandra is lured into trouble.
7.30 Challenge: "Africa." Wildlife on the African continent.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: a group of hippies are this week's unwelcome visitors in town.
9.30 Hooperman: John Ritter plays the title role of a police inspector. Tonight, he has the unenviable task of arresting and re-arresting a man once too often.
10.00 She is the Sheriff: Hildy gives shelter to a homeless boy who persuades her son to leave home. Starring: Suzanne Somers.

10.30 Best Seller: Set in 1890, it tells the story of Red Indian confrontation with the US Army.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

MONDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: "Man and His World." A look at UNICEF's programme to enhance exchange of ideas among the children of the world.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news.
7.30 Out of This World: "To Tell the Truth" — well, is not easy as Donna's guests find out, with some help from the Antares Egg.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: "Rising Sun of Death." Oriental intrigue, and mobsters people tonight's episode, causing concern among the vice squad. Starring: Don Johnson.
9.30 In Search Of... takes an interesting look at the relationship between man and his pets.
10.00 You Can't Take it With You: starring: Harry Morgan. Tonight, the family prepare for a surprise party, which turns out to be a surprise for the organisers. Comedy.
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: drug smugglers get caught in a web of their own making, with the police pursuing them. Starring: William Conrad and E. Penny.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

TUESDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial
6.30 Professor Poosangle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "Oldest Shipwreck." Divers salvage the oldest warship.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "A Few Surprises." Kate and Maggie help Jack to buy land.
9.30 Easy Street: Starring: Loni Anderson.
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: exploring the human brain becomes a fascinating experience.
10.30 Edge of Darkness: police thriller. Detective Brian

investigates the theft of plutonium from a US Army base.

11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck: a look at how parents cope with diabetic children; robot school and science and fishing.

7.00 Pals: Oscar goes with Sammy both are involved in an exciting adventure.

7.30 Growing Pains: Alan Thicke and Joanna Kerns play the parents who switch roles in this American family show.

8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: police thriller. Tonight, two rival magicians perform in the same town on the same day... and one of them is killed.

9.30 The Secret World: The River Ganges is considered to be a sacred river by the Hindus in India. A look at the myths and legends of Indian mythology.

10.00 What's Happening Now: A mother-in-law is not very popular in her daughter's home.

10.30 L.A. Law: a realistic look at the life, loves and work of lawyers.

11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoons
6.30 Sesame Street: a programme for young viewers.

7.30 Mac and Mandy: dog races, aquariums and chimpanzees are the focus of attention.

8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman: a friend betrays the trust of the highwayman.

9.30 The Cosby Show: Julius Caesar haunts the family after the son decides to play a role in the play.

10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Funks
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Green Ice." Drama about love, adventure and emerald mining.

12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoons
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 Walt Disney Film: Tonight's film is about a Cambodian refugee family who make a new home in the US.

7.00 Star Trek: Troy marries Dr. White... after the celebrations she discovers a minor change in the doctor. Who is he?

8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore presents highlights of English League football.

9.50 Jack Thompson: Down Under: this episode examines horse and camel racing in Australia, takes a look at aboriginal art.

10.30 Diamonds: the son of a wealthy man is kidnapped and Mike and Christine are asked to find him.

11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

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4.00 News in Brief
4.10 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

Malaysian cultural show

Colour, rhythm and elegance

THE influence of three cultures and four religions on Malaysian dance form was visible at Wednesday night's Malaysia Fair cultural show held in Kuwait.

The Malay archipelago has been the melting pot of cultures, mainly due to trade in gold, silk, jade, ivory and spices. It won't be wrong to say that Malaysian cultural heritage is spicy, varied and has absorbed foreign culture with a natural flair. In dances, we saw traces of Chinese, Indian and Malay cultures, evolving rhythmic, and at times elegant dance forms.

In Cik Siti Wan Kembang, a dance drama about a day in the life of a princess, nimble dancers created the aura of romance asyik (love) in the royal court as the inang — ladies-in-waiting — prepared for the meeting of the princess with her prince-charming.

Fluid

The male dancers displayed a penchant for power and strength in a number called "Silat", inspired by martial arts. And as such, their movements were rather abrupt, even war-like, reminding one of karate and judo enthusiasts minus their white costume.



The princess waits for the prince-charming.

The influence of Islam — and the Middle East was shown in a number called "Zapin" and drawn from Chinese heritage was the Ribbon dance, a number requiring fluid body movements and skill. And "Cangung" was inspired by Thai music and culture. Traces of Portuguese music were evident in a rhythmic dance called "Jogel".

Though dance and music is stamped by diverse cultures, the Malaysians have evolved a cultural form that is distinctly their own — colourful and graceful, creating ripples of excitement in an oasis.

To complete the cultural festival, typical Malaysian cuisine was offered to guests, who ranged from high-ranking Foreign Ministry officials to members of the diplomatic corps. The exotic menu included such items as beef rendang, squid in coconut milk, fish in tamarind soup and prawn sambal.

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Dancers performing the Silat number. (Photos by Mohd Bedaq)

WHAT'S ON

MUSIC

David McArthur Recital
OCT 31: 8 pm. Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya: British pianist David McArthur will give a recital. The programme will comprise works of Beethoven, Schumann, Elgar, Chopin and others. For details contact 2469348/2441746/2402287.

Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7.30 to 9.30 pm: Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae. Tel: SAS, ext. 413.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 9.30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and the Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservation contact Ken Winston — 5740256; John — 2435440; Tony — 2415439.

Diwali Celebration
NOV 10: The Indian Arts Circle will celebrate Diwali. Open to members and their guests. Passes available from the IAC, Fupatees. Tel: 3904817.

Navellim Youth Centre
NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2403360 after 3.30 pm.

Kuwait Caledonians
NOV 24: St. Andrews Night

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Abu Al Fulooos: local serial
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: daily Arabic serial, starring: Abber Essa, Mohammad Qabbani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Gulf Cuisine
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Fanan Saghir: Young Artists
5.30 Songs and Music
6.00 La Naba Lillah: historical serial, starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan

KTV 2

7.00 News Summary
7.20 Nur Al Islam: religious programme
7.55 Security and Citizens
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring: Jafar Saadi, Qassim Moham-mad, Salmiya Qadir Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman Daera Al Ahdath: Circle of Events. Tonight's episode is about communications companies. Guests are Abdullah Al Sabae. Prepared and presented by Kamel Sulaiman, Abdul Jalil.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

4.00 Holy Quran
4.05 Cartoons
4.12 Football: Al Arabi Club vs Al Kuwait Club. Local football match.
6.12 My Little Pony: cartoons
6.44 Short stories: two children are abandoned in a jungle cottage by their parents

KTV 2

7.00 The Survival Factor: nature. How insects, reptiles, birds and spiders adapt to their environment.
7.30 Life with Lucy: "Lucy Makes a hit with John Ritter." Star-struck Lucy injures favourite star and insists on looking after him.
8.00 News in English
8.45 Our House: Family show. The parents don't allow their daughter to go on a trip.
9.32 War in Korea: A documentary on the Korean war. Tonight, the border war.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "When the Time Comes." A husband's dilemma is compounded by his wife's unusual request: To help her commit suicide.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Spanish Hour
1800 Pops
2130 News
2145 Pops

English

2300 Indian Classical Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

English

0800 Opening
0820 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Cultural Horizon
0930 Reggae Rock

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Al Salmiya
Ana Wal Azaab Wa Huwak (Arabic)
Starring: Walid Taufiq, Sabirin, Wahid Saif
Al Hamra
Kul Hada Al Hub (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Laila Alwi, Yahya Shahin
Drive-In
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabireen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qabil
Al Firdous
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixit
Fahaeel Open-Air
Vijay (Hindi)

Starring: Meenakshi Seshadri, Anil Kapoor
Al Fahheel
Mad Mission Part IV
Al Jahra
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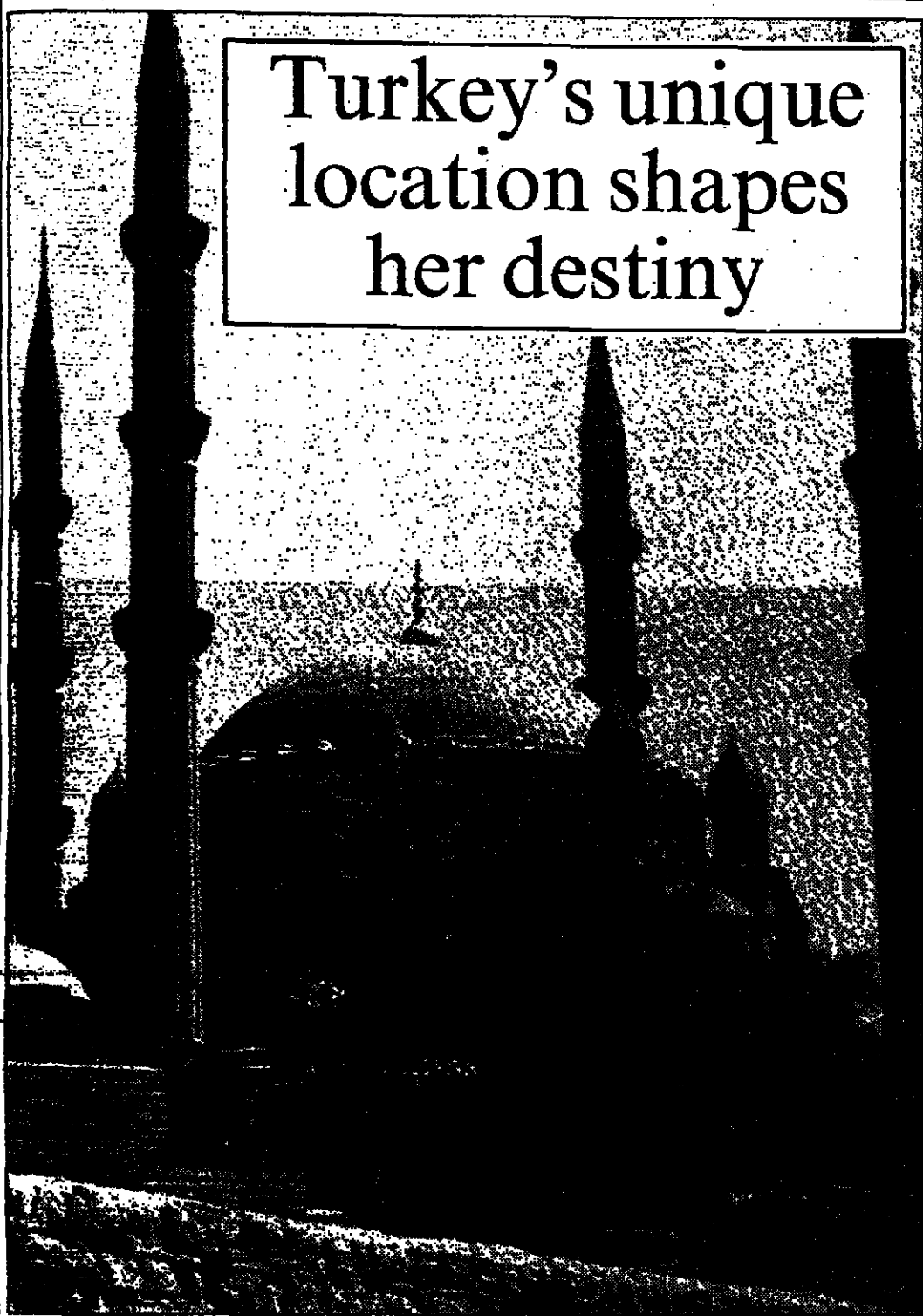
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Turkey's unique location shapes her destiny



Istanbul's Blue Mosque, the only mosque in the world with six minarets.

TURKEY lies between Asia and Europe, serving as a bridge geographically, culturally and economically. Its location on two continents plays a central part in Turkish history and gives the country a major advantage in serving the markets of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

Turkey's land borders have an overall length of 2,753 kilometres. Of these, 331 kilometres are shared with Iraq and 877 kilometres with Syria in the south, 212 kilometres with Greece and 269 kilometres with Bulgaria in the northwest, 454 kilometres with Iran and 610 kilometres with USSR in the east.

Turkey is surrounded by sea on three sides which are the Mediterranean in the south, the Aegean in the west and the Black Sea in the north. The length of the coastline exceeds 8,300 kilometres. The two continents, Europe and Asia, are separated by the straits, consisting, from southwest to northeast, of the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmara and Bosphorus.

Turkey, with her territories of 781,000 sq. kilometres, excluding the lakes, ranks second in size among European countries, and third among her neighbours after the USSR and Iran. The Republic's territory is roughly in the shape of a rectangle measuring 550 km. (400 miles) from north to south and 1565 km. (970 miles) from east to west, at its widest points.

With its geographically important position, its vast land, and its constantly increasing population, Turkey is a powerful entity and a valuable element of balance especially in this part of the world.

Turkey which has 67 administrative provinces, is divided into seven regions according to geographical locations, namely the Marmara, the Black Sea, Eastern Anatolia, the Aegean and Central Anatolia.

Population
Turkey has approximately 51.4 million inhabitants and the annual increase rate of population is 2.7%. The population density (66 persons per sq. km on the average) is the greatest in the western coastal regions. Although there has been a marked immigration to towns, approximately 47 per cent of the population still lives in rural areas.



A young girl in traditional headgear.

Ninety-nine per cent of the population of Turkey is Muslim. The official language is Turkish. English, French, German and Arabic are widely spoken in the cities.

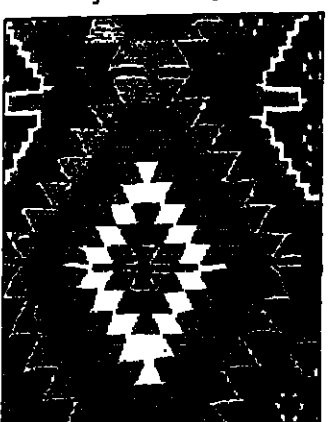
Istanbul is Turkey's largest city, with approximately 6 million inhabitants. This old city, located on the Bosphorus, have been historically one of the major commercial and cultural centres of the Mediterranean region, and

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continues to be the focal point in industry and commerce. Ankara, the capital city, has 3.4 million inhabitants. The next largest cities are Izmir, with 2.3 million inhabitants, Konya, with 1.8 million and Adana, with 1.7 million. Major cities in Turkey offer many cultural, social and sporting facilities.

Culture

Turkey has always been a



Geometric pattern on a Turkish carpet.

source of international exchange of culture since the early days of history. Because of the Kings Road starting from the Lydian capital, Sardes, in Western Anatolia and reaching Persepolis, the capital of the Persian Empire in the east. It also played an important part in the progress of civilization in ancient times since it facilitated the introduction of goods to the west.

There are two main epochs in the development of Turkish culture and art. The first is the pre-Islamic period when Turkish people were not wholly settled. The second is the Islamic period. Therefore, they were involved in both the nomadic and the settled cultures.

Turkish nation, with a deeply rooted historical background has emerged her culture with the values of the lands she ruled, thus succeeded in keeping her creativeness intact and her richly varied cultural experience have blended to create the Turkish character. The rich traditions of Anatolia and the outside influences from the East were merged to produce a new synthesis.

History of the republic

The Turkish nation, which appeared on the scene of history over two thousand years ago, have been founders of many states in different parts of the world. The Ottoman Empire, one of the greatest empires ever founded in history, was consumed in the flames of the First World War. But the Turkish nation, which was never enslaved in any period of its history and which maintained its integrity and independence, started its War of Independence in 1919 under the leadership Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, who is the founder, and the most prominent figure in the history of the Republic of Turkey.

Today, the foreign policy of Turkey which plays a key role in the regional equilibrium as well as in the global balance, is based on the basic tenets of Ataturk's foreign policy "Peace at home, peace in the world."

As regards international relations Turkey is a charter member of UN, a party to the GATT, a founding member of the Council of Europe. In addition, it is a member of the NATO, IBRD, INF, OECD, OIC, IDB and an associate member of the EEC.

OVER the past few years, the Turkish economy has undergone major structural changes as a positive result of the new policies designed to integrate it to the world economy within the framework of the stability programme launched on January 24, 1980. The policies and measures introduced by this programme can be summarised as an initial large-scale devaluation, a free market economy, raised interest rates, tax reforms, flexible exchange rates and encouragement of exports and foreign investments.

In line with these policies The Fifth Five-Year Development Plan covering the years 1985-89, foresees the continuation of external orientation and export promotion as well as the establishment of an industrial structure that can compete in international markets. To achieve this end, Turkey has the potential as a country possessing a large number of assets in the fields of agriculture, industry and tourism, in the form of extensive agricultural land, rich touristic and natural wonders and a developed industry with a trained labour force and enterprising managerial class.

Thus, the economy showed an impressive response to the measures taken since five years. Regarding Turkey's foreign trade volume a substantial rise both in global terms and in its share of total world trade have been noted in recent years. Foreign trade volume reached US\$ 18 billion in 1984, increasing by 19.6 per cent over the previous year. This amount has been realised as US\$ 19.3 billion in 1985. Beginning from 1981, exports also started to follow a significant development trend as a positive result of the Economic Stability programme. Overall exports as of the end of 1985 rose by 11.6 per cent against 1984 and realised as US \$7.958 bil-

Turkish economy: at take off point

Emphasis on export, foreign investment

lion in which the industry sector had a share of 75.3 per cent. While the share of industrial sector in total exports have been increasing steadily throughout the years, the share of agricultural exports have been declining partly due to their exportation after being processed and consequently going under the industrial exports category.

As regards exports by commodities mainly industrial crops, such as cotton and tobacco and fruits, particularly hazelnuts had the greatest share in agricultural exports in 1985. Among leading export items of industrial sector are textiles, iron and steel, glass and ceramics, machinery and electrical equipment.

More than half (nearly 52 per cent in value terms) of Turkish exports are directed towards OECD countries among which EEC is the leading market with a share of approximately 40 per cent in total. Middle East countries also have an important share accounting for 37.5 per cent of total exports.

Turkey's imports increased alongside her exports, reaching US\$11 billion in 1985, 5.5 per cent higher than the previous year. Industrial products accounted for 64.7 per cent of total imports while mining and agricultural products had a share of 31.9 per cent and 3.3 per cent respectively.

The share of OECD countries in total imports previously around 48 per cent reached 56 per cent in 1985. Accordingly there has been a relative decline in imports from Middle East and North African countries as well as from Eastern



A Turkish worker at a glass factory

Europe.

Within the process of integration to the world economy Turkey has taken successful steps to expand her role regarding the commercial and economic relations with regional countries while the incentives for foreign capital investments have been improved and the activities for the establishment of free trade and industry zones have been started.

The basic law regulating foreign investment in Turkey, namely "Law Concerning the Encouragement of Foreign Capital No. 6224" enacted in 1954, conveys to foreign investors the same rights and privileges as to Turkish investors. As one of the major elements of the economic stabilization programme, the introduction of new incentives aimed at augmenting foreign investments

has resulted in a significant increase in the volume of foreign investment and bureaucratic formalities in the investment approval process have been greatly simplified since the beginning of 1980.

The single authority in the country responsible for all foreign investment except oil exploration is The Foreign Investment Directorate (FID) established within the State Planning Organisation. Providing assistance and guidance to foreign investors, evaluating investment proposals, issuing licenses and monitoring the implementation of foreign investment projects are the main functions of this Directorate whereas The Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources deals with oil exploration activities.

The FID is authorised to issue permits for investments

with a fixed capital of less than US\$50 million. Proposals beyond these limits require approval by the Council of Ministers. In addition to FID approval. Since the Government's policy regarding foreign investments is flexible, some of the limitations do not apply to certain categories of foreign investors such as the International Finance Corporation as well as to the certain investments oriented towards export promotion and tourism.

The major fields of interest, regarding foreign investments in Turkey, have so far been the manufacturing sector, followed by the tourism sector. Trade and banking sectors have also proved to be attractive fields for foreign investors in recent years.

Foreign capital investors are offered a range of incentives available at the investment stage. In order to claim these investment incentives an "Investment Certificate" which is provided usually together with the investment permit by FID, is necessary. There are also export incentives available during the operational period, after the completion of the investment stage.

With an aim to promote foreign investments and expand Turkish exports, the Government decided to establish four free trade and export processing zones on southern and western coasts.

With the aid of these freezones which are geographically well positioned, Turkey, will become a country where production activities are carried out for export purposes in line with its current outward market oriented trade policy.

Incentives for foreign investors

A COMPREHENSIVE range of fiscal incentives is offered to private investors, in Turkey.

Incentives vary, depending upon the economic sector, geographical location and export potential of the project. Investments qualifying for incentives are listed in a "General Encouragement Table", which is updated annually.

Foreign investment incentives appear as investment and export incentives.

The major incentives at the investment stage are:

— Exemption from customs taxes and duties as well as the exemption from value added tax on imports of machinery and equipment.

— Exemption from taxes and duties for medium and long term credits (from local sources and from international sources, provided that there is a minimum export guarantee).

— Investment allowances, with up to 100 per cent of fixed investments being deductible from corporate income tax depending on regions and sectors.

— Exemption from construction tax.

— A cash rebate from a special fund in the Central Bank of up to 20 per cent of fixed investment expenditures.

It should be noted that to claim these investment incentives, an "Investment certificate" is necessary which must be requested from the Foreign Investment Department.

The criteria used for granting the incentive certificates are similar to those pertaining to the granting of the investment permit.

Incentive certificate is provided with the investment permit at the same time and does not need an extra application.

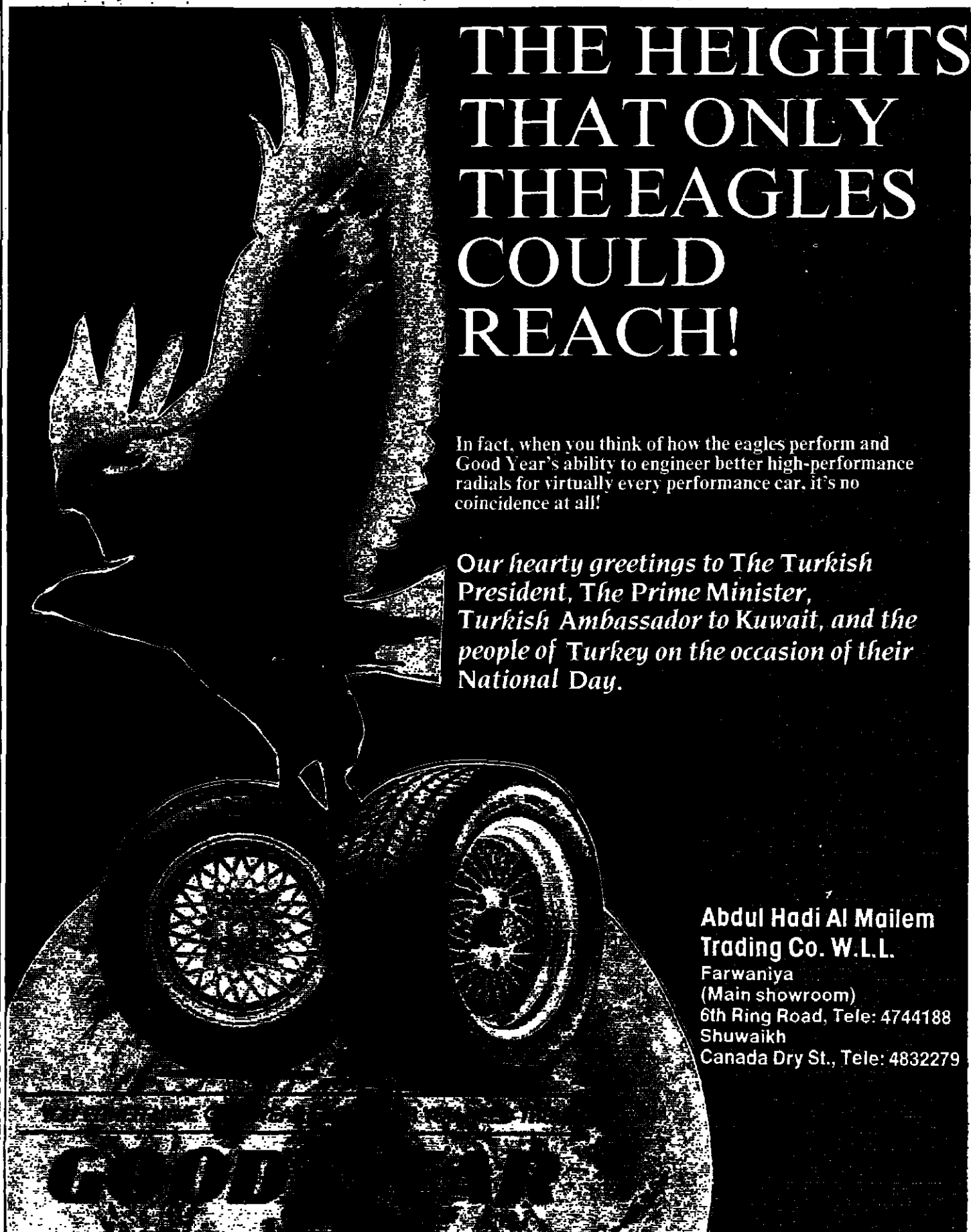
The export incentives which are available during the operational period are: exemption from customs duties and VAT on imports of raw materials, semi-processed goods and packaging materials to be used in own operations, priority in foreign exchange allocation, income tax exemption of 20 per cent of export revenues, and a rebate of up to four per cent of export revenues.

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Turkish cuisine: a pleasant surprise

FULLY justifying its reputation, Turkish cuisine is always a pleasant surprise for the visitor. In addition to being a refined product of centuries of experience, Turkish cuisine has a very pure quality.

This stems from the superb freshness of the fruit, vegetables, meat and fish utilised in a country that produces all its own foodstuffs. The variety and simplicity of the recipes and the quality of the ingredients are the guarantees of delicious meals.

Lamb is the basic meat of Turkish cooking and figures on all menus. Pieces of lamb threaded on a skewer and grilled over charcoal is the famous 'sis kebab', now in many countries of the world. 'Doner Kebab' another famous Turkish dish, consists of pieces of lamb packed tightly around a vertical revolving spit in front of a charcoal grill. Fish and shellfish are very fresh and one should not forget to sample 'barbunya' (red mullet) and 'kilic baligi' (swordfish).

The most famous 'meze' or hors d'oeuvre are the 'dolma', a name applied to vegetables such as peppers, aubergines, vine leaves and cabbage leaves stuffed with rice, pine-nuts and

currants. Also there are the 'zeytinyagli' dishes of cold vegetables in olive oil, including the famous 'imam bayildi' meaning 'the priest fainted', a dish of aubergines stuffed with fried tomatoes, onions and garlic.

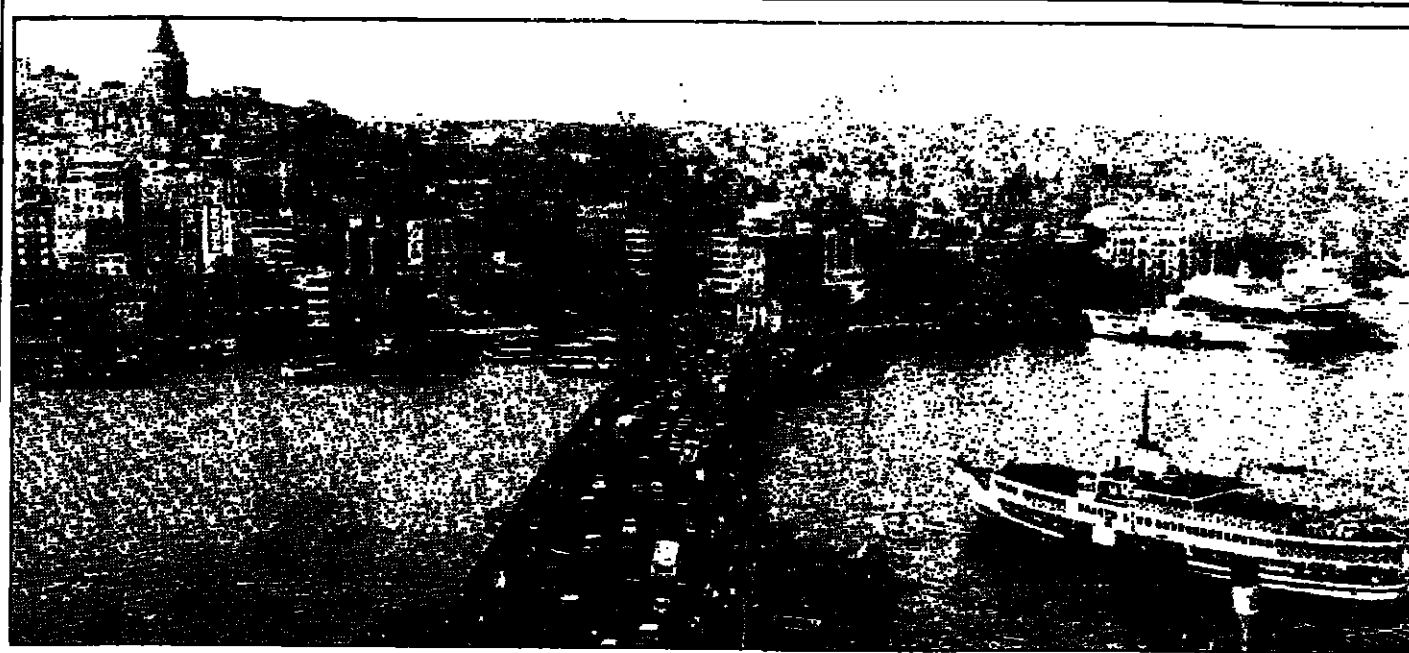
The delicious Turkish natural yogurt (yoghurt) is justifiably renowned. It is an ingredient of many dishes and when whisked with cold water it forms the refreshing popular drink buttermilk 'Ayran'.

The aubergine deserves a special mention as perhaps being the cardinal vegetable of Turkish cooking. It is said that there are over forty ways of cooking the aubergine, from 'hunkarbegendi' (aubergine puree with casseroled lamb) and 'karniyarik' (aubergine stuffed with minced meat) to 'patlican dolmasi' (aubergines stuffed with rice, pine nuts and currants). One of the great specialties of Turkish cooking are the 'pilav' or pilafs of rice or cracked wheat. The 'borek' are pies of filo pastry or flaky pastry stuffed with meat or cheese.

Turkish desserts fall into two basic groups, those based on milk such as 'sultac' (rice pudding) and 'tavuk gogusu' (chicken breast pudding) and those made from various pastries soaked in syrup such as 'baklava' (flaky pastry stuffed with nuts in syrup) and 'tel kadayif' (shredded wheat stuffed with nuts in syrup). Many of these desserts are topped with 'kaymak' the thick Turkish cream. As if the sight of these desserts is not tempting enough many of them have seductive names, such as 'hanim gobek' (lady's navel) and 'dilber dudagi' (lips of a beauty).



Food in Turkey is a refined product of centuries of experience.



The Galata bridge across Istanbul port.

Istanbul — Byzantine brilliance, Ottoman opulence

"THERE God, man, nature and art have together created and placed the most marvellous view that the human eye can contemplate on earth."

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This strategic setting has dictated the city's destiny as an imperial capital for nearly 1,600 years. Founded 2,600 years ago, the city was made the Roman capital by the Emperor Constantine, and following the division of the empire it became the Byzantine metropolis. Then, in 1453, the city that possessed the mightiest fortifications of the Western world fell to the Ottoman Turks, led by their tempestuous young sultan, Mehmet II.

Cosmopolitans

In this most cosmopolitan of cities, past and present are synthesized. Byzantine brilliance, and Ottoman opulence blend into this bustling port city, with its great liners at anchor and its little fishing boats bobbing on the waves. Everywhere the city's contrasts are apparent, from the sirens of ships to the timeless sound of muezzins calling the faithful to prayer, and from the sunlight flashing off the golden cres-

cents on the domes of mosques to the hypnotic gaze of Byzantine mosaic figures.

So often silhouetted by flaming sunsets is the old city, set on a triangular promontory between the Golden Horn and the Istanbul Bogazi (Bosphorus), and defended on the landward side by the massive Byzantine walls. Here the Emperor Justinian built Christendom's greatest church, St Sophia. Yet rivaling the basilica in magnificence are the Mosque of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent, built by Turkey's greatest architect Sinan, and the Mosque of Sultan Ahmet, the "Blue Mosque", with its six minarets and blue Iznik tiles.

Dominating the old city is the mysterious labyrinth of

Topkapi Palace, the seat of the Ottoman sultans for 300 years.

It was here that the power politics of ruling an empire, that stretched from the Gates of Vienna to the Persian Gulf, were played out against a background of harem intrigue. The jewelled turban crests, silken kaftans and priceless Chinese porcelains of the palace, bear witness to the grandeur of a bygone era.

Beside Topkapi Palace is the Hippodrome and the heart of another empire. The calm of the Hippodrome today contrasts with its violent Byzantine past of reckless chariot races and a rebellion that left 30,000 corpses on this spot. Just inside the city walls is the other face of the Byzantine world, the formalized splendour of the mosaics of St Saviour in Chora.

From this kaleidoscope of past civilization, we come to a patchwork of crafts in Istanbul's great Covered Bazaar. Within this maze of shops is an array of all Turkey's crafts: the sparkle of jewellery, the glint of beaten copper and the rainbow colours of oriental carpets.

Turkish carpets — a centuries-old craft

MODERN technology and mass production have replaced skills and techniques traditional for thousands of years. In our day hand-made works are rare and among them are the beautiful and functional Turkish hand-knotted carpets made using traditional methods, developed for over 2,000 years.

Turkish carpets, whose weaving can take months or even years of skill and effort, are pieces that can be kept and handed down from one generation to another, gaining value, as their antiquity increases.

Carpet weaving and making in Turkey, is a collective work, using skills passed on for generations. Turkish families, or even whole villages work collectively, gathering their special skills, knowledge and expertise. The method of manufacture and the different raw materials used, produce distinctive carpets, peculiar to the region in which they are woven.

A beautiful Turkish high-quality handmade carpet increases in value as it is used, because the carpet's knots tighten in use, making it more brilliant and treasured.

Turkey has a long and distinguished history of carpet making. From the classical products of past days which have become museum pieces, to the carpets of the present which are becoming increasingly sold for exports, this Turkish traditional art form has been preserved with remarkable purity, faithfully preserving the original designs and colour combinations of each producing region and largely using indigenous raw materials.

Whereas production is distributed all over Turkey, the export trade takes place mainly from Istanbul, Izmir and Ankara.



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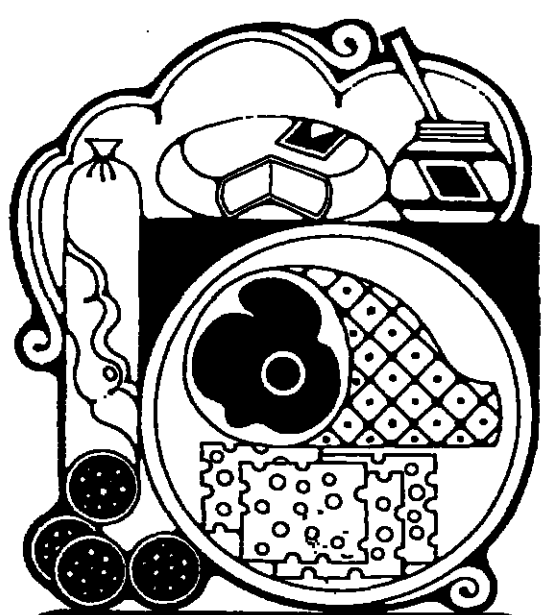
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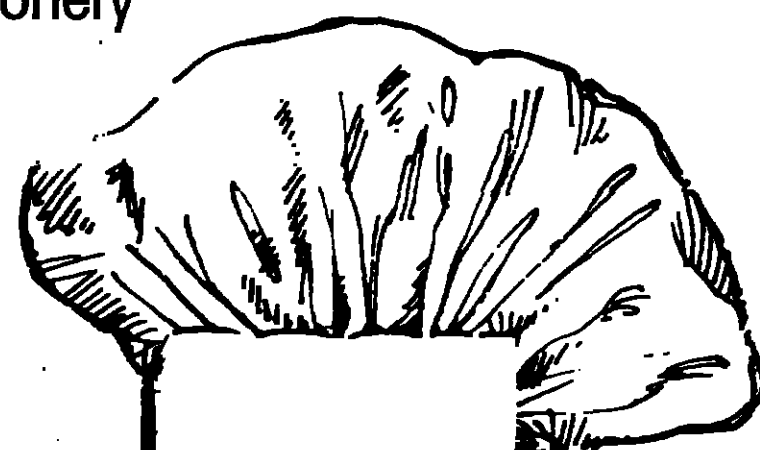
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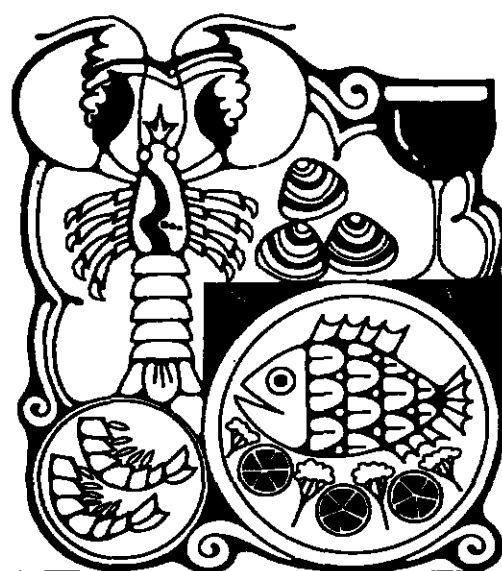


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New artists, new styles are being created

Art of calligraphy flourishes in Turkey

By Savas Cevik

ART history dwells upon works which were born out of the union between man's aesthetic sense and his abilities.

Ranging from his dwelling, which is a vital need, to the simplest tool he utilises, man expresses his aesthetic feelings while satisfying his needs and looks for the aesthetic in everything that he keeps near him.

This search for the aesthetic evinces itself in his language and writing too, although he uses them basically for communication and documentation.

"Communication" is indeed the primary function of writing. However, this extremely important human need could not remain immune to man's demand for the aesthetic and thus the concept of "beautiful writing," calligraphy, came into existence.

What is more, calligraphy earned for itself quite an important place in art history and has retained its importance as an original artistic phenomenon until our day.

Origins
The beginnings of the Islamic script which is still used today in most Muslim countries spread over a wide geographic area go back to the alphabet of a tribe called Nabati in western Jordan in the sixth century B.C.

The earliest known examples of the Arabic script were discovered in the Zebed and Haran inscriptions, dated 512 and 568 B.C. respectively.

Before the rise of Islam, Arabs used this alphabet which had both angular and circular characters. Although the style used in Makkah was called Mekki while the style which was used in Medina was called Medeni, they were, in fact, the same.

The rise of Islam was a turning point also for the Arabic script. This religion gives great importance to the written word. "Read" is the first word

It might be imagined that the removal of the Islamic script from daily use in Turkey may have had a negative effect on the art of calligraphy, but that is not the case. Turkish calligraphers are still leaders of this art form.



Turkish calligraphers are attracted by the challenges of this unique art form.

in the Holy Quran, the holy book of Islam. Reading necessitates the prior existence of a text.

Writing also played an important role in the coming to existence of the Holy Quran. Consequently, scribes also gained importance, and writing began to be used extensively. After the Holy Quran was completed, the spread of Islam posed a problem of making numerous copies of the holy book. The Arabic script continued to develop during the four centuries after the Prophet.

While the style used in Basra was called Basri, it began to be called Kufi when the Caliph Ali

made Kufa the capital. Following this, the name "Kufi" was applied for quite a long period as a general name to the Arabic styles.

Because Islam spread quickly, copies of the Holy Quran had to be produced fast. Hence, the Kufi style, which was difficult to write due to its angularity, had to be adapted.

The first major change in the Kufi style was introduced by Iba Mukle, the famous vizier and calligrapher of the Abbasid period.

After the development of the Kufi style, six more styles called Aklam-i Sitté were created around the middle of the tenth

century: Mubakkak, Reyhani, Sulus, Nesh, Tevki and Rita. "Aklam-i Sitté, a calligraphic term, means "six pencils." The Persian term "Ses Kalem" also has the same meaning.

The Aklam-i Sitté were subsequently improved and became more beautiful in the hand of Ibn Beyyab, a famous calligrapher.

The third important improvement in these styles was effected by Yacut-i Mustasimi, a Turk according to some sources, and the calligrapher of the last Abbasid caliph.

While the art of calligraphy weakened under the Arabs who followed Yakut, it continued to be improved by Turks during the Seljuk and especially Ottoman periods.

In Persia, these six styles underwent a change and developed into a style similar to that called Nasta'liq. This style, subsequently called Talik by the Ottomans, was developed especially by the contributions of Celi Talik ("the Great Talik").

There is no doubt that it was the Ottoman calligraphers who raised the art of calligraphy to its distinguished level. In developing this art, they also developed some special characters.

Sheikh Hamdullah, the first major Ottoman calligrapher after Yakut, re-created the six styles in the Turkish style and established the Turkish School of Calligraphy.

The Islamic script was developed continuously after him, and many schools were created by able artists. The most important of these calligraphers are Ahmet Karahisarli, another famous calligrapher of Sheikh Hamdullah's time, Hafiz Osman, Mustafa Rakim and Mahmud Celeleddin.

However, it should be noted at this point that the names of famous Turkish calligraphers would constitute a list too long to be included in a short article; the few mentioned above are

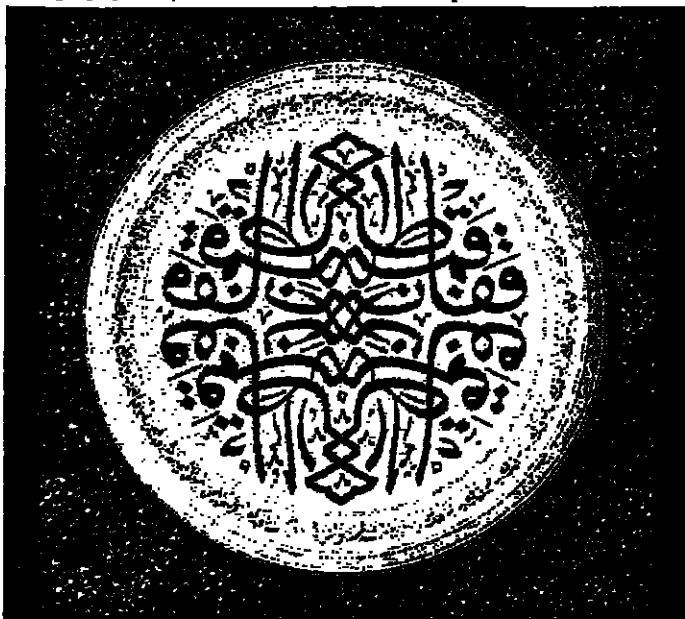
these who established their own schools.

The art of calligraphy in Turkey today

There are many different views concerning the contribution of Turks to the development of the art of calligraphy. Some scholars have argued that Turks gave up drawing in compliance with the precepts of Islam after they adopted this religion and, consequently, directed their aesthetic attention to calligraphy.

Others have argued that the art of calligraphy developed to such an extent among Turks because the abstract forms of writing were not condemned by religion. Although there is some truth in both views, neither is adequate by itself. Turks have used the art of miniatures throughout their history. Furthermore, the art of miniatures is closer to drawing than to calligraphy. It must therefore be concluded that Turks adopted and loved the Islamic script as a script.

Just like the Germans and the Japanese, they approached calligraphy as an art form in its



In addition to Arabic and Persian styles, the Turks invented their own styles.



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own right and interpreted it thus. Writing is two-dimensional, and calligraphy is an art of pure form. It is an art of balance and composition created with abstract forms.

Calligraphy does not make use of colours, perspective, or light and dark, which are the domain of drawing. Nor are the elements it employs completely flexible, compared to those elements used by; rather, they are predetermined and fixed.

This characteristic presents compositional difficulties. Turks were attracted by the challenge these difficulties created, and of writing, which is an important social phenomenon for human beings, as a form of aesthetic expression.

They were so successful in this endeavour that they gave the Arabic script which they took from the Islamic world their own special interpretation. What is more, they invented some new styles such as Rik'a, Divani and Celi Divani. They were so skilled in this art that they reached the bounds of human capacity with the flawless compositions of some of their works.

About 60 years ago, Turkey gave up the Islamic script and

began to use the Latin alphabet instead. However, the old Turkish script which was an important aesthetic aspect has continued to be used artistically.

Although it might be imagined that the removal of the Islamic script from daily use may have had a negative effect upon its aesthetic aspect, a competition held during the recent months proved to the contrary. The competition was organised in 1986 in honour of the late Hamit Aytac, the last of the Turkish calligraphers of an international stature.

Contributions were submitted by all Muslim countries and from many other countries as well. Turkish calligraphers won all of the five first prizes, and the biggest and most of the other prizes.

This competition, over which an international jury presided, demonstrated that Turkish artists are still leaders in the art of calligraphy.

This competition is a true source of pride for Turks for another reason: it showed that the art of calligraphy is continuing to develop in the hands of new artists, and new styles are being created.

Turkey: a major food exporter

TURKEY has a great agricultural potential arising out of her ecological and climatological conditions, land property and rich plant-pattern.

Due to these factors Turkey is one of the few countries in the world which is self-sufficient in food supply and is in the position of being a major food exporter.

Under the Government's new economic policies favouring the production of agricultural goods for export, agricultural export revenue reached \$1.72 billion in 1985, compared with \$1.34 billion in 1979.

Turkey produces a wide range of agricultural products: These are cereals, fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts, dried fruits and pulses.

The most important cereal is wheat, but the country also grows barley, rye and maize, among other crops.

For many years, a popular exporter of fresh fruits and vegetables, Turkey also has entered the international markets with processed fruits and vegetables.

Its fruits include apples, pears, peaches, plums, grapes, cherries, figs, melons and citrus fruits, while its vegetables include tomatoes, green peppers, green lettuce, spinach, leek, cucumber, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, onions and the others.

While best known for the production and export of hazelnuts, Turkey also grows pistachio nuts, almonds, walnuts and chestnuts.

Turkey is the most important producer and exporter of raisins, dried figs and dried apricots in the world.

With regard to industrial crops, the country produces significant amount of cotton and tobacco, which it exports, and sugar beets, in which it is self-sufficient.

The country also grows forage crops, including alfalfa, sainfoin and vetch.

Animal husbandry has a significant place in the economy of the country.

Turkey has more livestock than any other European country and has the base for a sizeable modern poultry and egg industry.



...marching into battle



...fight to the finish

Fighting to keep up an old tradition

IT WAS on a day when the Ottoman Empire was still working its way from Anatolia up into Rumania, the trans-Bosphorous lands that include Thrace and, ultimately, the Balkans.

A band of 40 brave warriors under Suleyman Pasha set out for a morning's enjoyment at a spot some 16 km from the city of Edirne.

They passed the time by wrestling, and as the day wore on it became evident that one pair of opponents was so evenly matched that no decision would be possible. Neither could win, neither would yield.

On and on they wrestled, till the match ended in death for both of them. When their comrades, years afterwards, came to pay homage at the gravesite, they found that a spring (pınar) flowed where the two were laid to rest. The wrestling games they held to commemorate the courage of that day became a tradition, and was at first given the name Kırkların Pınarı, the Spring of the Forty. Its name shortened with time to, simply, Kırkpinar, this feast of wrestling has been held each spring now for 626 years.

Many are the legendary wrestlers who have taken their place on the pastures here: Alico, champion for 26 years in succession, Koca (Mighty) Yusuf, and a long roll-call of others.

There is a tradition that each



A contestant is 'greased up' for action

year before the tournament begins, an Agha or Captain of the Games is chosen by the simple process of seeing who will outbid his rivals in buying a ram put up for sale.

Having thus proved his monetary worth, the Agha undertakes to finance the entire games, and sends out invitations to all who live in the villages nearby.

Formerly, it was the custom for those invited to bring money, gold, sheep, horses, camels, rich fabric or other gifts for the Agha to bestow on the wrestlers who made their way into the top circle. Today, although a symbolic Agha is still chosen, it is the City of Edirne which underwrites the week-long games.

The matches are organised in six weight divisions, from the lightest, called the Tozkoparan ("dust-snatcher") division, on up to the Bastor top category. And whatever the weight division, a curious rule is that anyone who wrestled the previous year as a Basali or light-heavy, must this year step up to the top division, from which will emerge the overall champion of the games.

The wrestler who wins this title three years running receives as trophy a heavy gold belt which is his to keep.

By Ali Coskun

RECENTLY, major steps have been taken towards the opening up of the Turkish economy to the outside world. During the past four years, Turkey's exports have increased four-fold. The share of industrial goods within the overall export, which was in the vicinity of 35 per cent in 1980, has now reached 75 per cent.

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World Bank announces \$1.25 billion in loans

WASHINGTON, Oct 28, (AP): The World Bank yesterday announced approval of approximately \$1.25 billion in loans to Argentina, a South American nation beset by a foreign debt surpassing \$49 billion.

The 151 member countries approved \$552 million for specific projects and \$700 million for the Argentine banking and tradesystems, World Bank spokesman Frank Vogl said.

"It is the largest sum that the board has ever approved in a single day to help one of our members," said Felix Alberto Camarasa of the World Bank.

Biggest
The US government, a strong backer of the loans, has the biggest bloc of votes on the World Bank executives board, which took the action. Argentina has fallen behind on its interest payments, many of them to US banks.

Critics of the loans, including British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, contend they should be made by the International Monetary Fund. The sister organization has a reputation for imposing stricter lending conditions.

Both the IMF and the World Bank were established after World War II and have the same membership. The fund's mission is to stabilize currencies, and its loans have always been for shorter terms than the bank's.

The bank, which has granted loans of up to 50 years, seeks to raise living standards in Third World countries by addressing chronic problems such as poverty, inflation and fluctuations in currency values.

IMF delegates have been negotiating for months with President Raul Alfonsín's financially strapped government, but no agreement was reached during talks in Buenos Aires.

Alfonsín has announced an election for May 14. The Peronists, who oppose his radical party, are far ahead in the polls. There is a strong movement among the Peronists to stop all interest payments on foreign loans, which would have repercussions throughout the international financial system.

Meanwhile, US bank regulators are meeting privately this week to decide whether to downgrade their opinion of Argentine loans. An adverse opinion could push some banks to set aside larger reserves to protect their depositors against possible losses.

Al Attiyah chairs Gulf Helicopters meeting

GULF Helicopters Ltd., a subsidiary of Gulf Air, held its quarterly board meeting in Bahrain on Oct 20.

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Attiyah, director of the Ministry of Finance and Petroleum in Qatar.

The board discussed the company's budget and its future plans which call for expansion into new markets and the study of new commercial projects.

Al Attiyah said the company anticipates a small profit for 1988, mainly due to a decline in demand for helicopter services in the region because of the economic recession.

However, Gulf Helicopters is already looking into new areas of expansion outside the Gulf. It will bid for contracts in North Yemen and with the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Iraq and Iran.

Despite slowdown in economic growth

Fed unlikely to change rate policy

WASHINGTON, Oct 28, (Reuters): The Federal Reserve is unlikely to relax its grip on credit any time soon despite a slowdown in economic growth, economists said yesterday.

They said the US central bank, which has been gradually raising short-term interest rates since March, was not convinced the danger of rising inflation was over.

"Given the present risks of inflationary pressures in the US economy, we do not consider monetary policy to be excessively tight in present circumstances," Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said in a letter to the Senate dated Oct 17.

Although some data since then suggest inflation has levelled off, economists said the underlying rate is still too high to permit the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-making arm, to ease credit when it meets on Tuesday, a week before the US presidential election.

Steady
He was referring to his department's Gross National Product report, which showed economic growth slowed to 2.2 per cent in the third quarter from 3.0 per cent between April and June.

But economists were quick to point out that without the impact of the early-summer drought, which reduced farm production, growth would have been a solid 2.8 per cent.

Fed officials, moreover, say the labour-market and factory-use strains that Greenspan cited in July as a reason for erring on the side of a restrictive policy are persisting.

The unemployment rate in September, for instance, was just one-tenth of a point above June's 14-year low of 5.3 per cent.

"It looks like labour demand remains strong," said First Chicago Corp economist Dana Johnson.

Policy
"The clear tendency of the Fed will be to keep policy unchanged and see if they have to do more in the way of tightening. There can be no thought of easing," he said.

Economists also gave a muted cheer to the latest inflation figures.

Consumer price inflation slowed to 0.3 per cent in September from 0.3 per cent in August, but two broader inflation gauges calculated by the Commerce Department rose at an annual rate of five per cent in the past six

months. In 1987 the two indices rose 3.3 and 3.6 per cent respectively.

"The trend seems to be toward a gradual acceleration in inflation," said Paul Boltz of T Rowe Price Associates Inc in Baltimore.

Growth
The Fed will be pleased at the slowdown in growth, but "it's no reason to ease if inflation is moving up to a five per cent annual rate," he said.

Moreover, GNP was weak in the wrong places, Boltz said.

US policymakers would like domestic demand to slow to make room for the export growth needed to reduce the nation's trade deficit, but in the third quarter growth in net exports fell and business investment slowed, while consumption rose.

Higher rates are gradually sapping consumption — consumer spending was flat in September — but the process is slow.

As Bank of Japan Governor

Satoshi Sumita noted on Tuesday: "We need some time to see whether the US economy will slow down to a reasonable pace that would help lower inflation and cut the trade deficit."

With the improvement in the trade deficit petering out, financial markets are speculating that the dollar will have to fall further to make imported goods too expensive.

Because of the dollar's rise earlier in the year, import prices fell in the third quarter for the first time in 2-1/2 years.

Encourage
Even if the US authorities decide they can live with a lower dollar, the Fed would not want to encourage a decline by cutting interest rates, economists said.

"That would be a very strange signal to the foreign exchange market," Boltz said.

An unchecked fall in dollar could spell turmoil on the financial markets as well as rekindling inflation.

'Dollar needs to fall further 20pc to make US exports cheaper'

US voters still in dark over candidates' economic policies

WASHINGTON, Oct 28, (Reuters): At the end of a campaign that has generated more heat than light, voters are still largely in the dark about how George Bush and Michael Dukakis plan to meet the major economic challenges facing America.

Both presidential candidates have proposed a range of tax breaks and spending programmes covering education, worker training, homebuying and other social issues.

But they have danced around the critical questions of how to reduce the deficits that have turned the United States from the world's biggest creditor nation into its biggest debtor since Ronald Reagan came to the White House in January, 1981.

Define
"The country's drift. The Reagan era's over, but neither Bush nor Dukakis seems able to define the vision for the future that is needed," says William Halal, professor of management at George Washington University in the nation's capital.

Reagan has presided over six years of growth, the longest peacetime expansion on record, but the price has been a 1988 budget deficit of \$150 billion, a trade gap of \$140 billion and a tripling of the national debt to

around \$2.6 trillion.

Although voters seem to accept the candidates' reticence, many economists are worried that without urgent action to encourage more investment and less spending the United States will lose more ground to Japan and other mighty competitors.

Risks
"An attempt to continue the debt-financed consumption of the last eight years for another decade risks reducing the United States to a second-rate economic power like Great Britain, Spain and France before us," the Committee on America's Future, a group of economists chaired by Nobel prizewinner Robert Solow, said in a recent report.

Dukakis says "tough choices" would have to be made on the budget. But, mindful of Democrat Walter Mondale's crushing defeat by Reagan in 1984 after he vowed to raise taxes, he says he would consider tax increases only as a last resort.

Allan Leslie, chief economist of bond-dealing firm Discount Corp of New York, said Dukakis has "obfuscated what he would do on specific issues."

Leslie said Wall Street feels it knows what to expect from Bush — more of Reagan's low-tax, free-market policies.

But the vice-president's call for a "flexible freeze" under which overall spending would be held at current levels, while some programmes were pared and others increased, cuts little ice with most experts.

Credible
"I don't find either one of these (plans) credible for dealing with the budget problems that lie ahead of us," said Michael Aho, director of economic studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

Both candidates, indulging in what many economists see as wishful thinking, are counting on falling interest rates to ease Washington's debt-service burden and help close the budget gap.

To David Hale, chief economist of Kemper Financial Services in Chicago, all this smacks of Reagan's optimistic forecasts of lower taxes, higher defence spending and a balanced budget. Campaigning against Reagan for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination, Bush dubbed the package "voodoo economics".

Hale and others fear that foreigners, dubious about the next president's policies, could touch off a financial crisis by demanding higher interest rates on the \$140 billion or so they lend each year to plug America's financing gap.

In this view, the president's power will be circumscribed not only by the Congress and the Federal Reserve but also by financial market expectations.

"A president must face the voters only once in four years, but he must face the judgement of the markets every business day," said Aho.

Jerry Jasnowski, chief economist at the National Association of Manufacturers, said the president will suffer a serious setback if he does not seize the chance to agree with Congress on \$25 billion in deficit cuts early in 1989.

Leeds and others said Dukakis' protectionist speeches in recent weeks have unsettled foreign investors, who would probably drive the dollar down if he were elected.

Bush adviser Martin Feldstein believes the dollar needs to fall a further 20 per cent to make US exports cheaper overseas and thus close the trade gap.

American wages up 3.9pc

WASHINGTON, Oct 28, (AP): Wages in the past 12 months have risen an average 3.9 per cent, but private employer costs for benefits have soared 6.7 per cent — more than double the previous year — largely on increases in social security taxes, the government said yesterday.

The combined effect of the pay raises and higher benefit costs have sent total employer costs up 4.7 per cent in the 12 months ending Oct 1, compared with a 3.4 per cent rise in the previous 12-month period, the Labour Department said.

Inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, has risen by 4.2 per cent over the past 12 months, the government reported last week.

Increase
The steep increase in benefit costs resulted primarily from a rise last January in employers' social security tax rate from 7.15 per cent to 7.51 per cent, the Labour Department said.

It also cited large increases in health insurance costs and lump-sum bonus payments from profit-sharing arrangements, which are now calculated by the government as a benefit rather than a wage.

In the 12 months ending October 1, benefit costs rose only 3.1 per cent, but they went up 6.7 per cent in 12 months ending Oct 1.

Non-union employees continued to get bigger percentage pay raises than union members — a trend begun in 1983 — except for blue-collar workers in manufacturing.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics said wage rates among union members rose an average 2.9 per cent in the past 12 months, compared with 3.9 per cent for non-union workers.

In the previous 12-month period, union wages rose an average 1.7 per cent, compared with 3.8 per cent for non-union employees.

"This pattern reversed when limited to blue-collar workers in manufacturing," the bureau said, with wage increases in the

past year averaging 3.2 per cent for union members and 2.8 per cent for non-union workers.

Despite the disparity in percentage wage increases in recent years, unionised workers continue to make about 35 per cent more than non-union workers — an average gap of \$123 a week in 1987 compared with a gap of \$119 in 1986 — according to government data.

Increases
The biggest pay gains, 5.6 per cent, were among business and health service workers, followed by an average increase of 4.9 per cent for professional and technical employees.

Managers and executives, along with state and local government workers, have averaged the same 4.7 per cent wage gains over the past year. The average pay increase among private industry workers was 3.7 per cent, for a combined average gain for all workers of 3.9 per cent, the Labour Department said.

The worsening economic crisis has set the tone for what is effectively the start of Brazil's 1989 presidential race. In November next year, the country will have its first direct poll for the president in 29 years.

The main contender on the left, former Rio de Janeiro governor Leonel Brizola, has called for Sarney to resign and for the formation of a provisional government.

Two politicians on the right, Sao Paulo Mayor Janio Quadros and Minas Gerais State Governor Newton Cardoso, question whether the election will take place at all if the crisis worsens.

Race
widespread corruption stood in the way of any serious attempt to bring order to the nation's finances, they said.

Finance Minister Mailson Nobrega, in office since January, has not been able to restrain big-spending ministers and analysts said he was looking more and more isolated.

Accord
The government, in an accord with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), undertook to keep its public spending deficit at four per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) this year.

But economists said there were few signs that Sarney's administration, which has taken on about 300,000 government employees since 1985, was effectively controlling the deficit.

Swollen public payrolls and

Brazil drifts closer to a price explosion

SAO PAULO, Oct 28, (Reuters): Brazil is perilously close to losing all control over spiraling prices, economists and political analysts say.

As the economy worsens, President Jose Sarney has received strong criticism for spending much of October out of the country.

The main attempt to get a grip on the country's record inflation, a "social pact" proposed by business leaders, has gotten nowhere.

Strategy
The militant trade union group, the Worker's Confederation (CUT), which represents 15 million Brazilians, rejects the idea, arguing that workers would suffer.

Economists said the weak and divided government seems to have no coherent strategy for fighting inflation, now edging close to 30 per cent a month or nearly 1,000 per cent a year.

Economist Rudiger Dornbusch said in a recent interview

with the Folha Paulo newspaper: "The perception from here is that the government looks like a chicken, running around in all directions, making a lot of noise and doing very little to the purpose."

Dornbusch has been warning since August of a possible hyperinflation in Brazil, the world's eighth largest market economy, with the currency effectively collapsing. Economists say all the classic signs of a nation losing faith in its currency are there.

Many families have begun to stock food, buying rice and other staples for several months ahead.

Booming
The rich are buying gold and US dollars and the property market is booming — no one wants to hold cruzados, the currency created in February 1986 with the false promise of leading Brazil into an age of low inflation.

Sarney, the butt of frequent criticism in the national press, has come in for a particular drub-

World Business Summary

Morocco has Paris Club debt rescheduling accord

PARIS, Oct 28, (Reuters): Morocco has reached agreement with the informal Paris Club of creditor nations to reschedule about \$940 million of its official debt over 10 years, diplomatic sources said yesterday. They said the accord, reached after a scheduled one-day meeting which ended early yesterday morning, covered payments due between July 1 this year and the end of December, 1989. It covered 100 per cent of principal and interest on current maturities and 80 per cent of principal of maturities resulting from Morocco's 1983 debt rescheduling, they said. While the accord did not exactly conform to what Morocco had wanted, it was satisfactory, the sources said. One source said that Morocco had hoped to obtain a better margin of manoeuvre, but did not elaborate. It hoped this would be its last official debt rescheduling, but could not be certain, he added. Morocco has total foreign debt of about \$17 billion. The French Finance Ministry, which acts as spokesman and secretariat for the Paris Club, said in a statement the accord reached with 11 creditor nations was to stretch repayment over a 10-year period, including a five-year grace period. It said the creditors welcomed Morocco's economic recovery efforts and noted with satisfaction Morocco's implementation of an economic and financial programme supported by a \$269 million stand-by arrangement approved by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on August 30. "They considered it appropriate to make a positive contribution to the improvement of the country's external payments prospects in order to facilitate the recovery of the economy," the statement said. Morocco's delegation was led by Finance Minister Mohamed Berrada. Creditor governments comprised Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Spain and the United States.

IMF mission arrives in Belgrade to evaluate economic performance

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct 28, (AP): An International Monetary Fund mission has arrived in Belgrade to monitor Yugoslav economic performance and determine whether the country can draw the bulk of a \$406-million stand-by loan the fund approved last June, banking sources said on Thursday. To get the money, the Yugoslav government agreed in May to an austerity package including price hikes, wage cuts, increasing imports and decreasing the value of its currency. The measures were designed to help the Belgrade government pay the interests on its \$2.1-billion debt. On the basis of the agreement, Western creditor banks and governments agreed to additional help that amounted to another \$800 million. The IMF mission arrived here for its "mid-term review" of Yugoslavia's economy in order to establish how well the government was implementing the austerity programme. Borka Bogdanovic, an official of the Yugoslav National Bank told the Associated Press.



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ROLLINS INC	33/6	33/6	WILLIAMS COS	6/5	6/5
ROPER INC	5/1	5/5	WILLIAMS COS	9/10	9/10
ROPER GRP	5/1	5/5	WILLIAMS COS	4/6	4/6
ROPER GRP	5/1	5/5	WILLIAMS COS	4/6	4/6

RSS BERRIE	28/7	18/6	WORLD CORP	0	5/5
RYDER SYST	24/5	24/3	WRIGLEY	37/2	36/5
RYLAND GRP	16/6	16/6	WYLE LABS	9/4	9/5
S DIEG G-E	35/0	35/0	XEROX CORP	59/0	59/0
SALOMON	26/3	26/3	XTRA CORP	36/7	36/6
SARA LEE	46/1	46/2	ZAPATA	2/5	2/5
SC ATLANTA	12/7	12/6	ZAYRE CORP	25/2	25/1
SCOTT PPR	38/4	38/4	ZENITH EL	19/3	19/5
SCOTTYS	12/5	12/5	ZERO	16/4	16/3

BET Statistics *Composite*					
VOLUME		AMEX	HIGHEST	VOLUME	
+ 3	1/8	ECHO BAY	15 1/2 -	-	1/8
+ 1	1/8	NY TIMES A	27 3/4 -	+ 1	7/8
+ 1	3/8	BOLAR CO	19 1/4 -	+ 1	5/8
+ 1	1/8.	ELSTONRE	7 1/6 -		1/16
- 2	1/2	TEXAS AIR	14 1/8 -	+	1/2
UNCH		ANDAHLL CP	20 -	+	1/8
+ 1/2		TOTAL PETE	18 5/8 -	+	3/4
+ 3/8		CORONA A	7 3/8 -	-	1/8
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	AMEX LARGEST	PER	CENT	CHANGE
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+ 1 1/8	JEWEL MAST	4 3/8	+	1/2
+ 1	PSN CORP	3 3/8	+	3/8
- 2 1/2	COMMERC	2 1/4	-	1/4
- 1/4	INTEL SYS	2 7/8	-	1/4
3,507,700	AMEX VOLUME	3,191,252		
333	STOCKS UP	196		
97	STOCKS DOWN	162		
122,655,900				
1344				

lightly higher. Traders said some of their earlier sell after the US State Department said there was no movement in northern Lebanon.

put a crimp into the market's advance, they added. 50, while in the broader market, advancing issue led to five.

over the lead position on the actives list, up 3-1/8 to quarter results.

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OPEC states seen losing \$5 billion

DUBAI, Oct. 28, (Reuters): OPEC oil revenue will drop \$5 billion this year because of low crude prices, the Dubai-based Emirates Industrial Bank said in a study on the oil market published today.

It said Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries members were producing 11 per cent more oil in 1988 than last year but revenue would drop to \$85 billion from \$90 billion last year.

"The decline in oil prices came as an immediate reaction in the market to OPEC's violation of its agreed output ceiling," the state-owned bank said in its study.

Output
Oil industry sources estimate current OPEC output at 21 million barrels per day (BPD), more than two million above the 18.5 million BPD demand for the organisation's oil.

"This decline (in revenues) will adversely affect many social and economic sectors, including light industries, in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states and other OPEC members," the study said.

The GCC links OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar with non-OPEC Oman and Bahrain.

Gulf OPEC states produce around 43 per cent of the 13-member group's output, heavily contributing to the glut that drove spot market prices to around \$6 below OPEC's target price of \$18 per barrel.

UK stocks hit day's highs

Dollar and gold boosted

LONDON, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Gold and the dollar rose in value on a report of troop movements in north Lebanon today but shed most of the gains after the US State Department said it had no evidence of a buildup.

A firmer Wall Street boosted shares on the London and Paris stock exchanges.

"We're waiting to see if the Street can keep its composure," said a London share trader, referring to a sharp sell-off in US shares yesterday and today's rebound.

In New York's early afternoon the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up more than 10 points around 2,151.

Gold rose to \$415.75 an ounce after security sources in Lebanon said Syria had moved troops to frontlines facing Christian Lebanese Forces militiamen.

Uncertainty
Gold is a favoured refuge for investors in times of international uncertainty and traders said there was brisk buying before the US State Department statement.

The day's high was well above a London morning fix of \$407.30, which is often regarded as a benchmark for physical gold bullion prices on the world market.

Gold later closed in London at \$411.35.

The dollar reached a day's high of 1.7880 West German

marks. Foreign exchange dealers said currency markets had been thin and were looking for news to trade on.

The dollar later closed in Europe at 1.7757 marks and 125.75 Japanese yen compared to 1.7735 and 125.80 last night.

Some dealers expected the dollar to stay in a narrow range in the run up to the Nov 8 US presidential elections.

"We have to reckon that the central banks will intervene on the market (if the dollar falls too far)," one said.

Oil prices were firmer with British Brent crude from the North Sea trading for January delivery at \$13 a barrel, about 30 cents above the US close yesterday.

In London shares rose to the day's highs this afternoon when market makers marked up stocks as the new account trading began and Wall Street recouped some of the losses it suffered yesterday.

Optimistic

The sharp fall in New York — inspired by unease over the level of debt companies were incurring in leveraged buy-outs — has kept the market subdued here though, dealers said.

"We're waiting to see if the Street can keep its composure and in the meantime there's always the perennial bid targets to take an interest in," said one. By 1559 the FTSE 100 was 6.2

points up at 1,858.3, just back from its high of 1,859.6.

Analysts are still optimistic about the equity market in the medium to long term, with many regarding it as significantly undervalued on fundamental grounds.

One noted that the return on shares was currently around 12 per cent, compared to around nine per cent for gilts, while company profits are expected to rise by over 20 per cent in 1988/89.

"The solid blue chip stocks are looking very good value now and a great deal of the recent surge in equity volume has been due to institutions picking up this kind of stock," he said.

However, the market is expected to remain in a narrow range for the short term as it awaits more economic data, they added.

Newspaper and merchant banking group Pearson rallied 14p to 731 as old bid stories circulated in the market but volume in the share was not great. Traders said even light demand for Pearson pushed the price up sharply because the market in the issue is so thin.

Target

The latest rumour was that Murdoch was considering selling his near 20 per cent holding in Pearson, possibly to a South African concern, but analysts doubted anyone would buy the stake.

Another favourite bid target, English China Clays, added 8p to 503 as speculation resurfaced that RTZ was considering an offer. RTZ was 4p higher at 438.

Confectioner Cadbury added 8p to 379 after a sharp rise in its US ADRs yesterday. Dealers said the market was again speculating that the 18.4 per cent stake in Cadbury held by US drinks and cinema group General Cinema would either be used to launch a takeover or passed on to another bidder.

There was talk that another bidder could be foods group BSN of France, which is reported to be keen to expand ahead of the single European market in 1992, dealers said.

Performance

Racal lost 4p to 290 amid disappointment with the poor performance of the shares in its new telecom cellular radio unit, which were 4p off at 170, level with the issue price.

Insurer Abbey Life stood a net 5p lower at 289 after returning from suspension at this morning's opening. The shares were suspended ahead of an announcement that Lloyds Bank was merging five of its businesses valued at £1.15 billion with Abbey Life in exchange for a 57.6 per cent shareholding.

Abbey are holding an extraordinary general meeting to try to obtain shareholder approval of the deal on Nov 14.

Market is good for small investor: Ruder

Buyouts create problems, says NYSE chief

NEW YORK, Oct. 28, (Reuters): New York Stock Exchange Chairman John Phelan said yesterday a current wave of billion-dollar company buyouts has brought a flood of new debt that poses risks for corporate America.

Phelan said there was great concern about the high level of borrowing needed to finance the huge deals now being proposed.

He said if the current trend continues there will be "nothing but crazy paper in the world" — an apparent reference to the high-yield, high-risk junk bonds used to finance a substantial portion of the deals.

Speaking in response to questions at a luncheon of the New York Financial Writers' Association, Phelan said: "We are all going to run into a problem some day."

Deals
He said the multi-billion buyout deals raise questions about whether company shares are being properly valued on the stock market.

He said the takeover proposals are creating a three-tiered pricing system for stocks — the traditional price based on future earnings, one based on the break-up value of the company and the third on the takeover value of the entire company.

The market was trying to adjust to evaluating companies on a liquidation basis rather than on earnings potential.

In a leveraged buyout, a small group of investors uses a small amount of its own money and borrows large sums to buy all of a company's stock. The deals offer the possibility of spectacular rewards through the sale of company assets.

Problems

Economists say the large debt a company takes on to finance a buyout would make it vulnerable to severe financial problems in a recession.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission said yesterday the stock market was good for small

investors, provided stocks were picked carefully and held for long periods of time.

"Oh, I think that the stock market is exactly the place that the small investor should be," David Ruder said in a Reuters interview. "But I think that the small investor ought to have some realistic assumptions."

Ruder, whose agency regulates the US securities industry, said the small investor "cannot engage in market-timing activities," but he praised investing in stocks as a long-term strategy. "That's the way that people become immensely wealthy in the United States," he added.

Crash

The SEC chairman, appointed in August 1987, said US financial markets were less risky now — one year after the October 1987 stock market crash — due to improvements in the automated systems that speed the flow of buy and sell orders on US exchanges.

The market is also less uncertain, Ruder said, because stock prices are not "overbought" now in the way they were before the crash.

Ruder has been lauding the long-term approach to stock market investing over the past year. He has criticised large institutional investors several times for adopting short-term strategies that increase the market's volatility.

But Ruder seems more satisfied now with institutional investors. "I think most institutions are indeed long-term investors in the market," he said. "The only question is what is the mix of your debt portfolio to your stock portfolio."

Ruder said he personally saw no problem with the current US wave of leveraged buyouts, in which a group of investors buy a company with mostly borrowed money.

Such buyouts cause companies to have higher debt levels than

have traditionally been considered prudent. But Ruder did not necessarily condemn these highly leveraged transactions.

"I don't purport to be able to decide what the best debt-to-equity ratio is for America's companies," he said. "If the market forces in the United States have moved to the point that there's greater leverage for the companies, then that may be the right way."

Ruder also said he expected corporate streamlining to improve the economy's efficiency.

His views appeared to conflict with those of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, who said on Wednesday he was concerned about Wall Street's growing volume of leveraged buyout debt.

In a letter to the Senate Banking Committee, the central bank chief urged banks to consider how these loans would fare during a recession or periods of high inflation.

Spain welcomes Kuwaiti investment

KUWAIT, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Spain said yesterday it welcomed Kuwaiti investment as Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez met ministers for talks.

"Kuwaiti investments are welcome. We are grateful for the confidence Kuwaitis have expressed in the Spanish political and economic system," Spanish Ambassador to Kuwait Juan Jose Arbolé told Reuters.

Ordóñez met Finance Minister Jasssem Mohammed Al Khoraifi and Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi.

The Kuwait News Agency, KUNA, quoting oil officials, said Ordóñez and Sheikh Ali had discussed "the possibility of expanding oil investment co-operation between the two countries." It did not elaborate.

Stakes
The Kuwaiti Investment Office, Kuwait's London-based investment arm, has bought stakes in Spanish firms worth some \$1 billion since 1984.

Some of the shares, including an indirect controlling interest in the strategic chemicals conglomerate Explosivos Rio Tinto, have stirred controversy within Spanish industry.

"As far as the government is concerned there are no problems or conflicts. Kuwait is taking into consideration the position of the Spanish government to avoid conflict," Arbolé said.

The two sides also agreed to look into fresh talks on a proposed agreement to eliminate double taxation, he added.

IBS training session

KUWAIT, Oct. 28, (KUNA): The Institute of Banking Studies launches tomorrow two training sessions on foreign exchange transactions and banking legislation.

An expert from the International Banking Studies Centre of Manchester along with other legal advisers at commercial banks and the Central Bank of Kuwait will take part in the seminar.

EEC reliance on OPEC oil reduced, says Lukman

LAGOS, Oct. 28, (OPECNA): The 12-member European Economic Community has reduced its reliance on OPEC oil for meeting its energy needs, according to Nigerian Minister of Petroleum Resources Abhaji Rilwanu Lukman.

Lukman, also OPEC conference president, told the recently concluded "Pio Manzu international conference" in Italy that overall EEC oil consumption fell from 11.77 million BPD in 1980 to 10.28 million BPD last year.

The oil share of the community's total energy requirements fell from 54.3 per cent in 1980 to 48.8 per cent last year, he added.

In a paper entitled "The European free internal market plus technology — a chain reaction," the minister said that indigenous EEC energy output showed that nuclear energy rose

from 7.3 per cent in 1980 to 19.3 per cent last year while oil grew from 18.7 per cent to 24.5 per cent.

Rise

Most of the rise in oil's share was accounted for by an increase in Britain's production which constituted about 83 per cent of EEC's total output of 3.06 million BPD in 1987.

The community, he said, was becoming less dependent on imported energy with its indigenous production meeting 55.6 per cent of its requirements in 1987, compared with 47.1 per cent in 1980.

Speaking on OPEC-EEC trade, the minister said total EEC imports of OPEC oil fell from 8.30 million BPD in 1980 to 4.96 million b/d in 1987.

He also said that EEC oil products imports from OPEC doubled from 0.33 million b/d to

0.62 million in 1987, which he called a reflection of the trend affecting OPEC worldwide.

Exports

He rejected that by 1990, about 22 per cent of OPEC's global oil exports would be in the form of products and stressed "this is only from the point of view of planned and executed expansions in OPEC's domestic refining capacity and downstream investments abroad."

He said most of OPEC's products exports to the EEC region came from member countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) four of whose six members belonged to OPEC.

Lukman said the while OPEC member countries were concerned with developing a stable international oil market to provide a steady source of revenue, the community was inclined to concentrate on energy

security and the attainment of self-sufficiency.

The minister stressed, however, that an essential prerequisite of supply security in energy was a stable, orderly international oil market which would benefit EEC in the long run by ensuring a steady flow of energy and providing a suitable environment for investment in energy projects.

UASC board member

KUWAIT, Oct. 28, (KUNA): Oil Undersecretary Abdelrahman Al Sultan was appointed board member of the United Arab Shipping Company (UASC), a press release by the company said yesterday.

Al Sultan is Kuwait's second representative besides the deputy board chairman Dr Ibrahim Makkil.

The Kuwait-based UASC is the national shipping line of founding states of the UAE, Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia since 1976.

Bonn drops plan to help finance Tornado jet sale to Jordan

BONN, Oct. 28, (Reuters): The West German government today dropped plans to extend federal credits for a British sale of Tornado fighter jets to Jordan, bowing to protests within the ruling coalition against shipping arms to unstable regions.

Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, who heads the supervisory board of the federal credit agency KfW, recommended the board vote against underwriting the export of Jordan of eight Tornados, government spokesman Friedhelm Ost said.

"Therefore we assume that this participation will not take place," Ost said, referring to the KfW's plans to provide credit and interest rate-risk financing for the deal announced by Britain in March.

Export

But, the spokesman told a news conference, "you can assume that the export will still take place."

Aerospace industry sources said yesterday that the United States had urged West Germany

to back the export to forestall a Soviet attempt to sell MiG fighters to Jordan.

They said US Secretary of State George Shultz made the plea in a letter to West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher in the summer.

Tornados, among the most advanced fighters in NATO, are made by a West German-British-Italian aerospace consortium. The eight jets ticketed for Jordan are to be assembled in Britain with key parts from West Germany.

Industry sources say private West German banks involved in the deal could withdraw if state credit guarantees collapsed. Jordan demanded favourable credit arrangements as a condition of the deal.

The disclosure early this week that the credit agency planned to help finance the \$675-million sale to Jordan unleashed a storm of opposition because of West Germany's restrictive arms export law.

Otto Lambsdorff, head of the Liberal Joint Party in Chan-

cellor Helmut Kohl's coalition, vowed to do everything to block financing because of the constitutional ban on West German arms sales to regions of conflict.

Deal

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher had warned British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe in May that he opposed state guarantees for the Tornado deal. "Genscher was naturally against approval of financing by the credit agency. He informed (Howe) that a guarantee would not correspond to German government policy," the spokesman said.

The spokesman declined to explain why Genscher's views did not prevail earlier. He added that Bonn could not stop exports by allies in an arms-making consortium.

"It doesn't lie in our power to veto under terms of weapons-making co-operation we have with other countries. Co-operation could not function with a veto right," he said.



Tokyo money brokers shout out currency quotations after the dollar rebounded suddenly in Tokyo on Thursday on buying by the Bank of Japan. The dollar rose to 126.05 Japanese yen at midday from 125.65 yen in New York on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

UK trade deficit narrows sharply

LONDON, Oct. 28, (AP): Britain's merchandise trade deficit narrowed sharply and unexpectedly in September, partly helped by erratic items such as exports of aircraft repairs and precious stones, the government said yesterday.

The pound and British stock prices shot up on the news, which somewhat eased the growing concerns about Britain's ballooning trade shortfall. The pound's jump, in turn, diminished fears that interest rates would head even higher.

The trade deficit narrowed to £1.06 billion (\$1.87 billion) in September from £1.81 billion (\$3.19 billion) in August, the Department of Trade and Industry said. The financial markets had expected the deficit to widen slightly.

The current account deficit narrowed to £560 million (\$986 million) from £1.31 billion (\$2.31 billion), the department said.

The current account includes

"visible" trade such as services, overseas investment earnings and official transfer payments, which the government estimated to be in surplus of £500 million (\$880 million) in the most recent month.

Exports totalled £7.56 billion (\$13.3 billion) in September, up from £6.75 billion (\$11.9 billion) in August. Imports totalled £8.62 billion (\$15.2 billion) in September, up from £8.56 billion (\$15.1 billion) in August.

Explaining the erratic items, the department said planes brought here for repair counted as imports in August and became exports last month when the work was done.

Excluding these items, the merchandise trade deficit was £1.49 billion (\$2.6 billion) in September, compared with £1.66 billion (\$2.9 billion) in August.

The pound gained almost 1.5 cents to \$1.7735 in very active dealing minutes after the report was released at 11:30 am (1130

GMT). The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index, off 5.6 points before the report, later was up 8 points at 1,858.7.

Deficit

Although markets were heartened by the report, David Simmonds, an economist at Midland Bank, said it was too early to conclude that Britain's trade deficit is narrowing significantly. He pointed out that Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has said the trade deficit could remain large until 1990.

The government's economic policies have come under criticism in recent months as inflation has heated up, prompting authorities to push up interest rates sharply. At the same time, the trade deficit outstripped government forecasts to hit record levels.

Opposition Labour lawmaker Bryan Gould, party spokesman on trade, called the latest figures "a freak."

Move to increase efficiency

Indonesia reforms banking system

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Oct. 28, (AP): The Indonesian government yesterday introduced far-reaching banking reforms designed to increase competition and efficiency in the banking sector and ensure a sound, properly administered banking system.

The measures guarantee complete convertibility of the national currency, the rupiah, and the right to move currency freely in and out of the country, Finance Minister J.B. Sumarlin said.

"We have taken these important steps without altering in any way the fundamental tenets that have made our monetary system so strong in the past — most especially, the complete convertibility of our currency and the absolute right to move currency freely in and out of the country at any time," Sumarlin said at a news conference.

Radius Prawiro, Co-ordinating Minister for Economic, Financial and Industrial Affairs, who announced the new economic measures, said the reforms will help stimulate Indonesia's economy into a new phase of growth.

The banking reforms were the most sweeping change since Indonesia introduced its modern banking system in the 1960s, he said.

The reforms came in the wake of falling prices of oil, the main earner of Indonesia's foreign exchange. Indonesia receives more than half its revenue from oil and gas exports.

The new measures covered three broad areas: banking and capital markets, industry, trade and investment, and public- and state-owned enterprises.

Under the new measures, effective immediately, foreign

banks may establish joint-venture banking operations with Indonesian partners in Jakarta and six other key market areas in the country, Sumarlin said.

Reforms

The reforms paved the way for the creation of new private domestic banks, provide for a vastly expanded banking network throughout the country, and increase funds available for bank lending from 85 to 98 per cent of bank reserves.

They also bolster safeguards by raising minimum levels of paid-up capital for private banks, provide a major incentive to overseas capital investors by extending Central Bank guarantees on currency swaps, and free up state-owned enterprises to shift up to 50 per cent of their deposits from state-owned to private banks.

Japan's trade surplus stagnates

TOKYO, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Japan reported today gloomy prospects for reducing its trade surplus, heightening fears the surplus may be here to stay for some time.

The government said the nation's current account surplus, which includes trade in services as well as goods, fell nearly \$1 billion from a year earlier to \$7.61 billion in September. But its trade in goods alone was virtually unchanged at \$8.81 billion.

"I think the adjustment process may be dead," said senior economist Kenneth Courtis of DB Capital Markets (Asia) Ltd.

Exports are now bulging as Japanese companies have begun winning their fight against the strong yen and competing more

fiercely overseas, Courtis said. "Exports are expanding more than expected," said Hidehiro Iwaki, economist at the Nomura Research Institute. "Japanese exporters seem to have overcome the 125 yen to the dollar level."

Just after the trade data was announced, a government official said Japan might now not be able to cut its trade surplus in goods for the year ending March 31 to its targeted \$81 billion.

Exports
He blamed the trouble on increasing exports and slackening import growth, which is being exacerbated by falling oil prices.

The official did not make a new forecast for the 1988 financial year, but Iwaki said the surplus was likely to be around \$89

billion against \$94.28 billion last year. Courtis noted that "exports are no longer a drag on the growth of the economy and have started contributing to Japan's economic expansion."

Stronger consumer and corporate demand at home redirects exporters to the domestic market and encourages more imports, both of which help trim Japan's huge and problematic surplus.

The Bank of Japan today, in its quarterly report on the economy, said the trade surplus was likely to fall further, but rapid progress in reducing it in dollar terms cannot be expected.

Imports, which were brisk earlier this year, have grown more slowly in recent months and may slacken further with the fall in oil prices, economists said.

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Owens award

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Sisters-in-law Florence Griffith Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersey head a list of nine athletes nominated for this year's Jesse Owens award, the Athletics Congress (IAC) announced on Wednesday.

Top seed

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Ivan Lendl seems set to face limited opposition after being named top seed in the European Community Championship, one of the world's latest tennis tournaments.

Foreman wins

MARSHALL, Texas, Oct. 28, (AP): Former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman sent Tony Fuliangi reeling to the canvas for a knockout at 2:26 of the second round in Foreman's hometown last night.

Benn triumphs

LONDON, Oct. 28, (AP): Britain's Nigel Benn survived a first-round knock down from challenger Anthony Logan, then hit back to knock out the Miami-based Jamaican in the second and retain his Commonwealth middleweight boxing title on Wednesday night.

Title defence

SYDNEY, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Australia's World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion Jeff Fenech raised doubts yesterday over his forthcoming title defence by demanding a bigger purse.

Libertadores Cup

MONTEVIDEO, Oct. 28, (Reuters): National of Uruguay won their third South American club soccer title when they beat Newell's Old Boys of Argentina 3-0 in the second match of the Libertadores Cup final on Wednesday night.

Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Sweden's world number one Mats Wilander, who pulled out of this week's Paris Open tennis Grand Prix because of flu, said today he would be fit to play at next week's Stockholm Open.

Selberg ahead

SOTOGRADE, Spain, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Ove Selberg of Sweden birdied three of the first four holes and held on with a touch of magic at the ninth to draw level with overnight leaders Sandy Lyle and Seve Ballesteros early in the second round of the Volvo Masters golf championship today.

Lohr leads

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Oct. 28, (Reuters): Local favourite Bob Lohr shot a five-under-par 67 yesterday to increase his lead to three strokes after two rounds of the \$700,000 Walt Disney World Classic golf tournament.

Davis convicted

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28, (AP): Former junior welterweight boxing champion John Davis convicted yesterday of second-degree murder and robbery in the 1976 beating and stabbing death of a 48-year-old man.

INDIA BRUSH ASIDE BANGLADESH

Sri Lanka stun Pakistan in Cup

DHAKA, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Sri Lanka achieved an upset on the opening day of the Asia Cup cricket tournament when they beat favourites Pakistan by five wickets yesterday.

India scored an easy win in the day's other match, defeating host nation Bangladesh by nine wickets in the southern town of Chittagong.

In Dhaka, Pakistan batted first and scored 194 for seven in 44 overs, a total Sri Lanka surpassed with 194 for five in 38.3 overs.

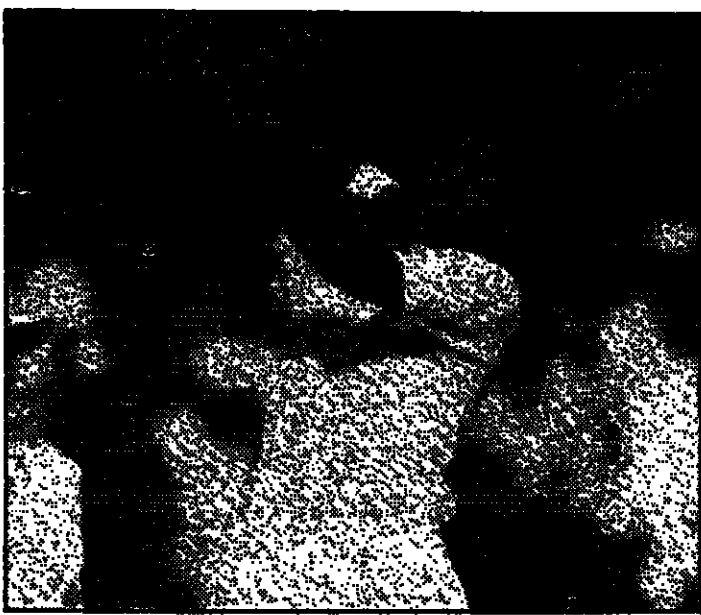
Achieved

In Chittagong, Bangladesh scraped 99 for eight in 45 overs — a target India achieved in just 26 overs, hitting 100 for the loss of only one wicket.

Fine bowling, tight fielding and aggressive batting gave Sri Lanka their unexpected victory over Pakistan, whose innings suffered from the injury-enforced departure of captain Javed Miandad.

Opener Roshan Mahanama, who shared an opening stand of 72 with Brendon Kuruppu, won the Man-of-the-Match award for a bold 55 which put Sri Lanka on the winning trail.

Aravinda de Silva (48) and Duleep Mendis (21 not out) scored freely after the dismissal



Labrooy took three wickets

of Mahanama, caught by Salim Malik off Wasim Akram. The winning run came from a leg-bye off Akram.

Pakistan, put into bat after the Sri Lankans won the toss, soon lost Rameez Raja, bowled by a Labrooy yorker with only three runs on the board. They scored slowly, amassing barely 70 runs in the first 25 overs.

The run rate was accelerated

when Miandad came to the crease but the Pakistan skipper retired hurt with his score at 25 when he was struck on the body by a ball from pace bowler Goonawardena.

Ejaz Ahmed kept up the tempo, hitting stylish cover drives in an innings of 54 before he became Labrooy's third victim, caught behind the wicket by Kuruppu as he attempted a

square cut.

Scoreboards

DHAKA MATCH:

PAKISTAN

Rameez Raja b Labrooy	3
Asrar Malik c Mahanama b Goonawardena	11
Shoaib Mohammed b Goonawardena	10
Javed Miandad retired hurt	25
Salim Malik c Mahanama b Labrooy	30
Ejaz Ahmed c Kuruppu b Labrooy	54
Salim Younis c Ash b Ratnayake	31
Masroor Elahi c Mahanama b Ratnayake	12
Wasim Akram not out	9
Abdul Qadir not out	3
Extras (lb-5, w-1)	6
Total (for seven wickets in 44 overs)	194
Fall of wickets: 1-3 2-24 3-35 4-98 5-155 6-180 7-187	

Bowling: Ratnayake 9-1-27-2, Labrooy 8-1-36-3, Goonawardena 5-1-35-2, Samarasekera 9-1-34-0, Amarnath 4-0-22-0, Rametunga 3-0-27-0, De Silva 3-0-13-0.	
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SRI LANKA

R. Mahanama c Salim Malik b Akram	35
B. Kuruppu c Ash b Qadir	35
A. Samarasekera c Younis b Elahi	10
A. de Silva c Younis b Akram	40
A. Ratnayake not out	7
D. Mendis not out	21
R. Ratnayake not out	2
Extras (lb-1 lb-9 nb-4 w-3)	17

Total (for five wickets, 38.3 overs) 195

Fall of wickets: 1-72 2-100 3-116 4-138 5-192

Bowling: Akram 7.3-0-31-2, Elahi 8-0-43-1, Asrar Malik 2-0-12-0, Qadir 8-0-49-1, Taseef 9-0-27-0, Shoaib 4-0-24-0.

CHITTAGONG MATCH:

BANGLADESH

Azhar Shaukat lbw b Sharma	1
Harna Liton b Kapil	0
Gazi Ligo b Mansinder	11
Atahar Ali c Kapil Dev b Amarnath	16
Mishaz Naim b Ayub	22
Aminal Bulbul lbw b Ayub	10
Zahed Masroor b Ayub	6
Golam Sora c Sidhu b Hirward	4
Jahangir Badshah not out	12
Nasir Nam not out	5
Extras (w-4 lb-7 nb-1)	12
Total (for eight wickets, 45 overs)	99
Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-23 3-33 4-40 5-64 6-72 7-79 8-79	

Bowling: Kapil Dev 6-2-14-1, Sharma 9-2-22-1, Amarnath 6-0-8-1, Mansinder Singh 9-6-9-1, Ayub 9-2-20-3, Hirward 6-0-19-1.

INDIA

K. Srikanth c Atahar b Shaukat	24
N. Sidhu not out	50
M. Amarnath not out	19
Extras (w-3 lb-3 nb-1)	100
Total (for one wicket, 26 overs)	77
Fall of wicket: 1-47	

Bowling: Number 6-1-15-0, Faruk 4-0-19-0, Badshah 6-1-17-4, Shaukat 7-0-31-1, Atahar 2-0-11-0, Naim 1-0-4-0.

Matthews and Waugh shine

SYDNEY, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Test all-rounders Steve Waugh and Greg Matthews rescued New South Wales with a 195-run partnership on the first day of the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland at the Brisbane Cricket Ground today.

At stumps on the first day, New South Wales, struggling at 29 for four after two hours' play were 259 for six with Matthews not out 98 and Peter Taylor on 18.

In Adelaide, Test spinner Tim May's four-wicket haul gave South Australia the edge against Victoria, who finished on 213 for eight after earlier cruising to 100 without loss.

However, a middle-order batting slump cost Victoria command, with eight wickets falling in the final two sessions.

Matthews helps rout West Indies for 213

PERTH, Australia, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Western Australia's fast medium left-arm Chris Matthews gave the selectors a timely reminder he is still a Test-class bowler with a five-wicket haul to help dismiss West Indies for a moderate 213 today.

The home side were 30 for one in reply at the close on the opening day of the four-day match, after Mike Veletta (11) had hooked Ian Bishop's first delivery to a leaping Patrick Patterson on the fine leg boundary 16 minutes from the end.

At the close, Geoff Marsh was unbeaten on 19 in 75 minutes and nightwatchman Tom Hogan had yet to score.

Failed

Marsh has already used up one life — at 19 he edged Malcolm Marshall's second delivery but Gordon Greenidge, at first slip, failed to hold the low chance.

Matthews, who took six wickets in the first two Tests against England two years ago before being discarded by Australia, began rather erratically when he took the new ball after Graeme Wood won the toss and sent the touring side in.

But he gradually found his rhythm on the well-grassed pitch, dismissing opener Desmond Haynes (4) and Richie Richardson (9) in a fiery spell of 11 balls at a cost of seven runs and finishing with figures of five for 84 off 25.4 overs.

Last season he was one of the heroes of Western Australia's Sheffield Shield triumph, taking 57 first-class wickets at an average of 22.40. He has now taken five or more wickets in a first-class innings nine times.

Matthews received strong support from seamer Terry Alderman, who took the value wicket of opener Greenidge for 24, medium-pace Ken MacLeay and left-arm spinner Hogan.

Left-hander Keith Artherton was caught by Veletta in the slips off a Matthews no-ball before he was out for five edging a ball from Matthews to Zoehrer.

After MacLeay had removed Jeff Dujon for five and Roger Harper for nought in the space of three deliveries, the touring side were in trouble 12 minutes after lunch at a miserable 72 for six.

But the visitors were saved considerable embarrassment by talented young right-hander

Carl Hooper, who stroked the ball fluently and hit 14 boundaries in an innings of 83 in 184 minutes.

Hooper, who came in at 43 for two, was ninth man out when the score was 203, dancing down the pitch to Hogan and being stumped by Tim Zoehrer.

The 21-year-old received capable assistance from tail-enders Marshall and Curtly Ambrose.

Hooper and Ambrose added 74 in 64 minutes for the seventh wicket before an over-ambitious Marshall tried to hit a ball from Hogan out of the ground, missed and was bowled. His contribution to the partnership was a well-made 31.

Left-hander Ambrose twice struck inviting deliveries from Hogan high over the long-on fence and went on to score 30 off 43 balls before he punched a delivery from Matthews straight to Hogan in the covers.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings	
G. Greenidge b Alderman	24
D. Haynes b Matthews	4
R. Richardson lbw b Matthews	9
C. Hooper st Zoehrer b Hogan	83
J. Artherton c Zoehrer b Matthews	5
J. Dujon lbw b MacLeay	0
M. Marshall b Hogan	31
C. Ambrose c Hogan b Matthews	30
I. Bishop not out	5
P. Patterson b Matthews	6
Extras (lb-5 w-1 nb-5)	21
Total	213

Fall of wickets: 1-32 2-43 3-43 4-67 5-72 6-72 7-146 8-189 9-203.

Bowling: Matthews 25.4-5-84-5, Alderman 17-6-50-1, MacLeay 10-3-34-2, Hogan 12-2-40-2.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA first innings

G. Marsh not out	19
M. Veletta c Patterson b Bishop	11
T. Hogan not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for one wicket)	30

Fall of wicket: 1-30.

Bowling to date: Patterson 5-2-12-0, Ambrose 6-1-17-4, Marshall 4-3-1-0, Bishop 2-0-1-0.

Martin Crowe

BOMBAY, Oct. 28, (Reuters): New Zealand fear the loss of star batsman Martin Crowe will leave their middle-order batting exposed during their cricket tour of India, vice-captain Martin Snedden said yesterday.

Speaking on arrival in Bombay, Snedden called Crowe's absence through illness a big blow to the touring side.

Gilbert upsets Mecir

McEnroe sails past Annacone

PARIS, Oct. 28, (Reuters): John McEnroe and Miloslav Mecir both experienced problems with the raucous French crowd at the \$1.1 million Paris Open men's tennis Grand Prix yesterday — but with different results.

Serving sublimely, McEnroe advanced into the quarterfinals with barely a hint of difficulty as he beat fellow-American Paul Annacone 6-3 6-2.

But fourth seed Mecir slumped to a 6-3 6-4 defeat to Brad Gilbert of the United States in the first professional match between two Olympic medalists.

The Czechoslovak became the sixth seed to fail to reach the last eight.

McEnroe's serving power was

at its remarkable best. He dropped just six points in nine service games and none at all during the second set.

His opponent got into the Christmas spirit a little early, double-faulting seven times, twice on break point.

McEnroe's ability to concentrate on his own service was extraordinary because he constantly stopped during his wind up to complain about whistles, coughs and flash photos from the boisterous crowd.

In an outburst which risked alienating a crowd that had been solidly behind him, he called one persistent whistler "stupid and obnoxious."

"People just don't understand,

I guess," he said. "It's more exciting for the sport if it's quiet. The eruption at the end of the point is different to other sports and that should be respected."

"It's important also to hear the ball because of the spin and to judge how fast it's coming at you."

Mecir was clearly upset by the behaviour of the fans. Afterwards he complained: "I felt like the crowd was not really a tennis crowd."

"They were throwing paper on the court, whistling after first serves and after missed easy shots."

The Olympic champion had more than his fair share of bad luck against the bronze medalist

Chavez set to fight Ramirez

LAS VEGAS, Oct. 28, (Reuters): Mexicans Julio Cesar Chavez and Jose Luis Ramirez will put their friendship aside tomorrow night as they battle furiously to strip each other of their world lightweight titles.

Chavez is the undefeated World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion and Ramirez holds the World Boxing Council (WBC) title.

Barring a draw, one of the two hard-hitting Mexicans, who used to be sparring partners and are still friends, will hold more than one part of the lightweight title

for the first time since Roberto Duran held sway over two crowns in 1978.

Record

The undercard will also feature a title fight. WBC bantamweight champion Miguel "Happy" Lora of Colombia will defend his 53.5 kg crown against Raul Perez of Mexico.

Lora, with a record of 30-0, will be defending his title for the seventh time since winning it in August 1985. The 27-year-old Lora claims he has the fastest hands in boxing.

Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, who said he is a co-promoter with Don King of the two fights, was trying his hand at being co-master of ceremonies at a news conference for the fights yesterday. He said he was a big fan of smaller fighters, particularly Lora.

"In America now, they don't pay any attention to the little fighters," said Tyson, calling Lora "very exciting."

"Mike Tyson will be proud of me," said Lora through a translator, "because I'll be fighting all night long."

Santosh and Shanti capture titles



The 800m girls open race in progress.



Tug of war — girls finale.

SANTOSH House and Shanti House won the Best House Trophies for boys and girls respectively at the 18th Annual Sports Meet of the Indian School (senior).

The event held at the Government Boys Secondary School, Rumaithiya, started with Mathew Philip, the vice-chairman of the school board, taking the salute at the march past and declaring the meet open.

The individual championship for the 7-9 years age group for girls was won by Razia Usman while Mohammed Sameer won the boys section.

In the 10-11 age group, girls' championship was won by Anjali Mahendra while Sanjeev triumphed in the men's section.

Pavitra Singh took the boys title in the 12-13 age group while Anila Cherian came out on top among the girls.

And Cherian showed his class when he ran off with the title in the 14-15 age boys group. Shama Mahmood also proved that she was the best by clinching the crown in the girls section for the same age group.

In the 16-17 age group, Sumeet Mehra and Rachel Varkey took the titles in the boys and girls



Some of the winners with other officials: From left (standing) Mrs A.K. Koshi, Major A.K. Gool (principal), Mathew Philip, Mrs Philip, S.L. Grover, Sara Mammen, Anila Cherian. (Sitting): Mohammed Ibrahim, Sumeet Mehra, Anisa Mubeen, Rachel Varkey and Shama Mahmood. (Photos by Mohammed Bedaq)

sections respectively.

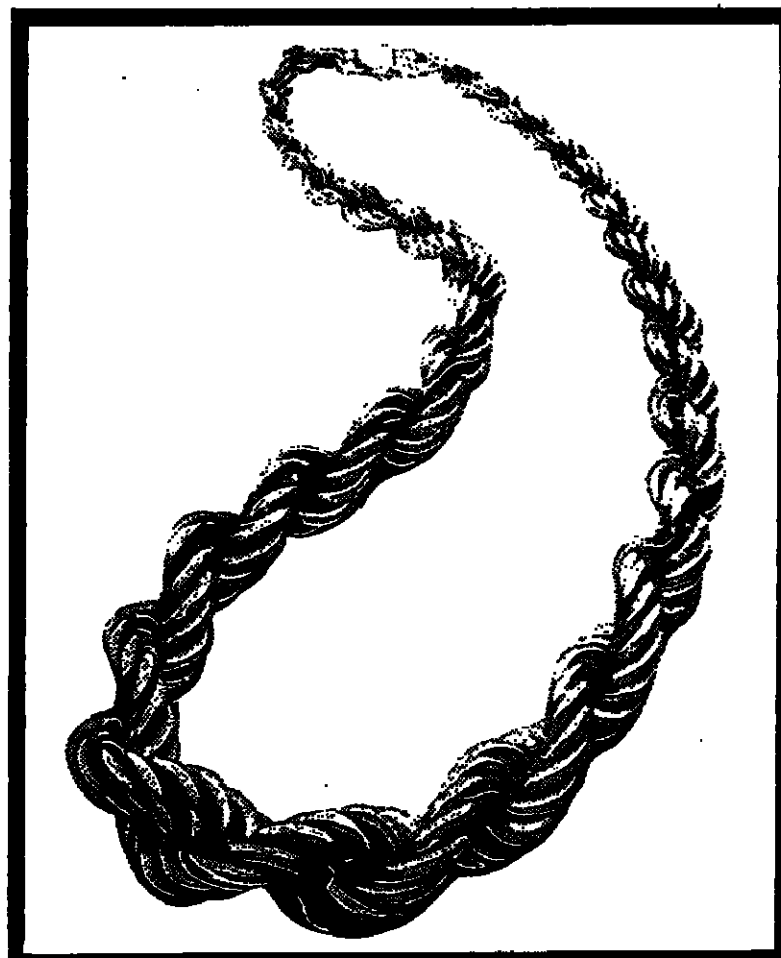
In the 18 and over age group, Sameer Mahmood emerged victorious among the boys while Sara Mammen was the best

among the girls.

The athletic events were organised by the school's physical training instructors S.L. Grover and Mrs Lucy Fernan-

dez. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mathew Philip, Mrs Philip and Mrs Kusum Chatwal, the headmistress of the Abbasiya branch.

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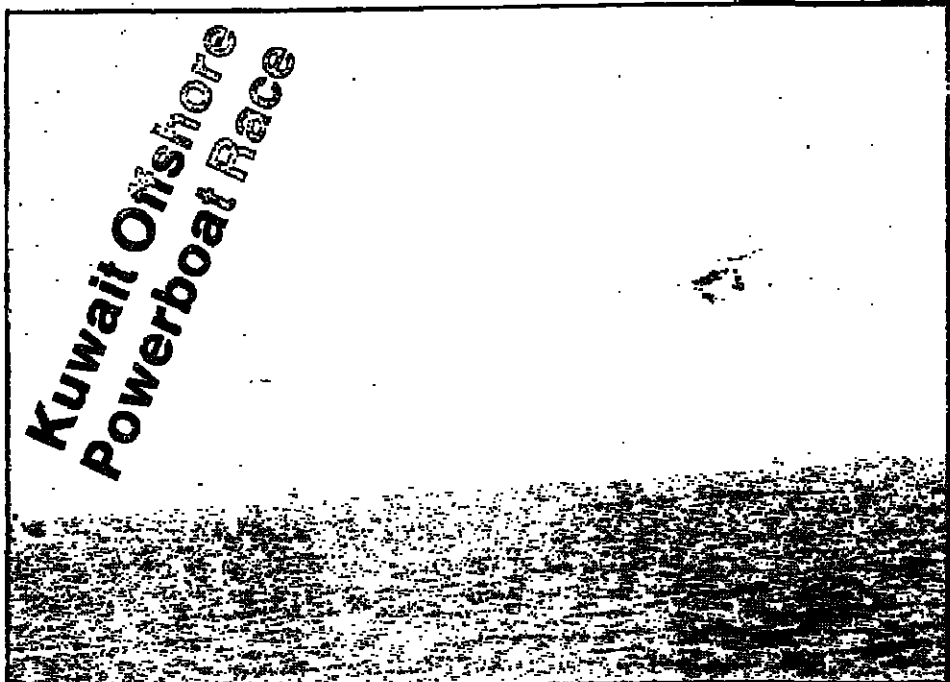


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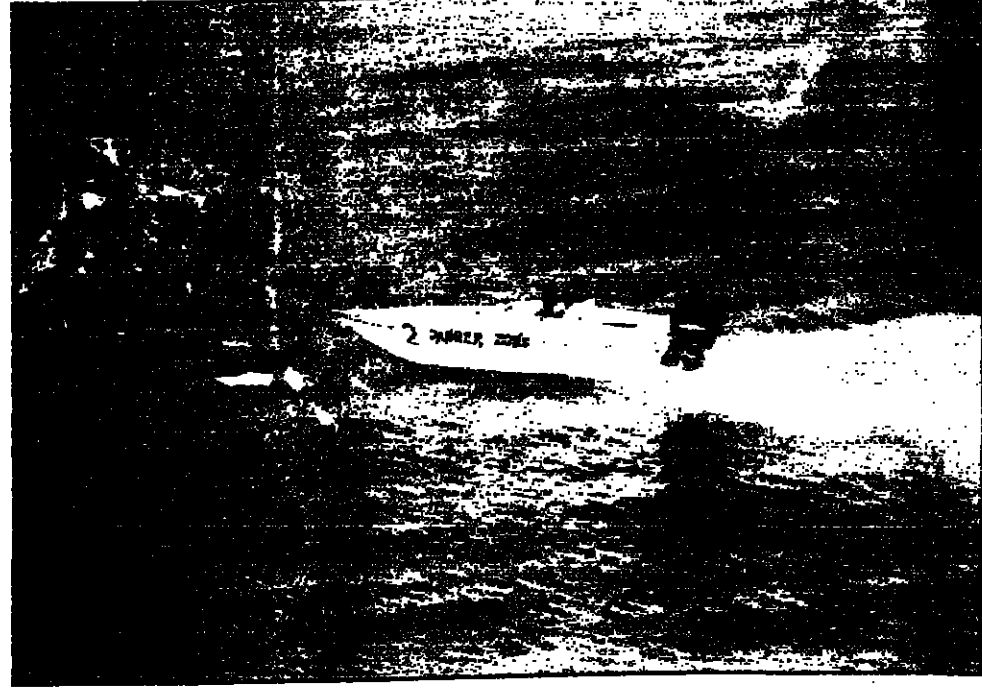
SPORTS

Kuwait Onshore
Powerboat Race

Arab Times' reporter, Gail Seery, follows the race in a helicopter.



Khaled Al Khaled (left) and Hosam Sayafe.



Sheikh Khaled on his way to the finish.



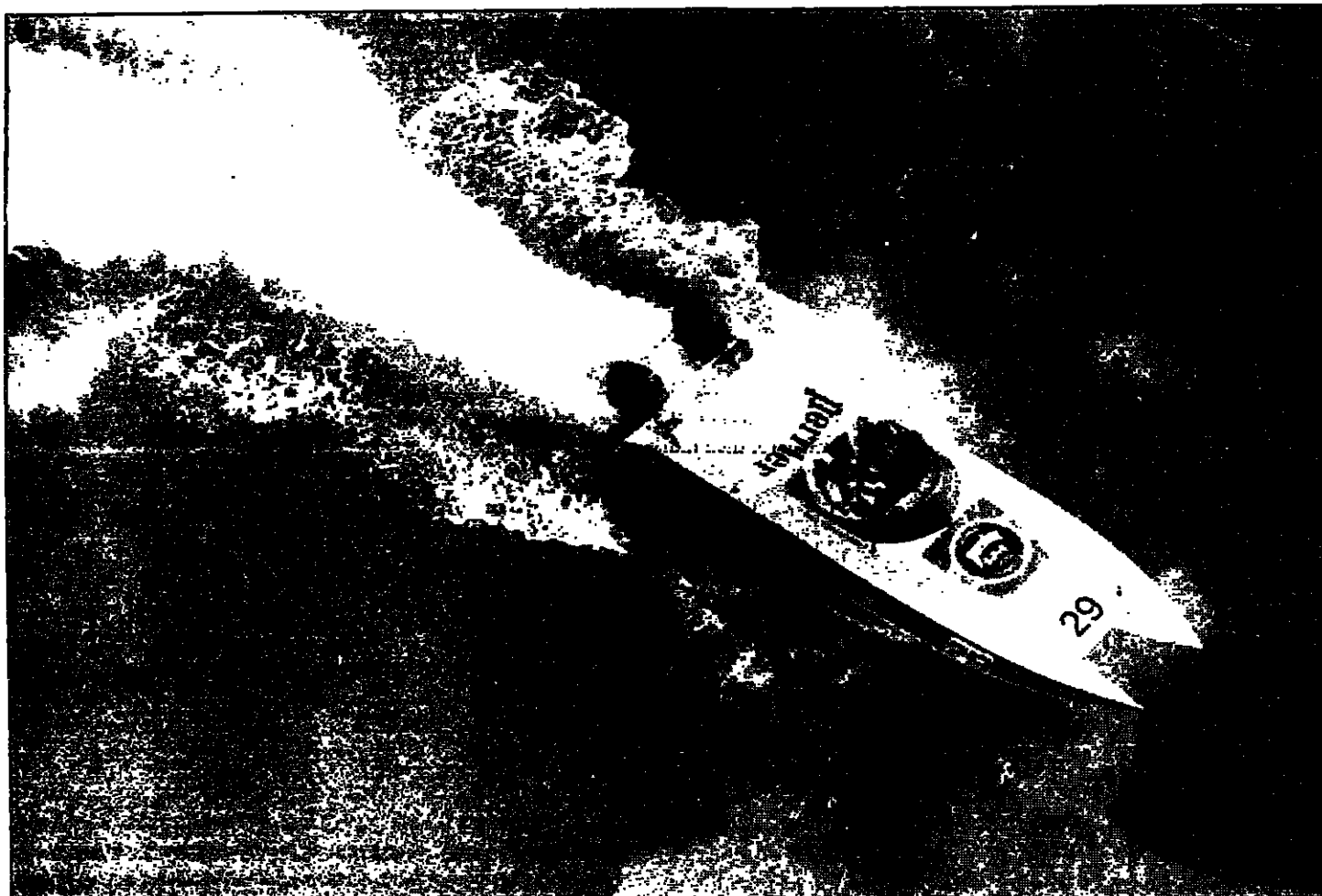
Khaled Al Khaled (left) receives his prize.



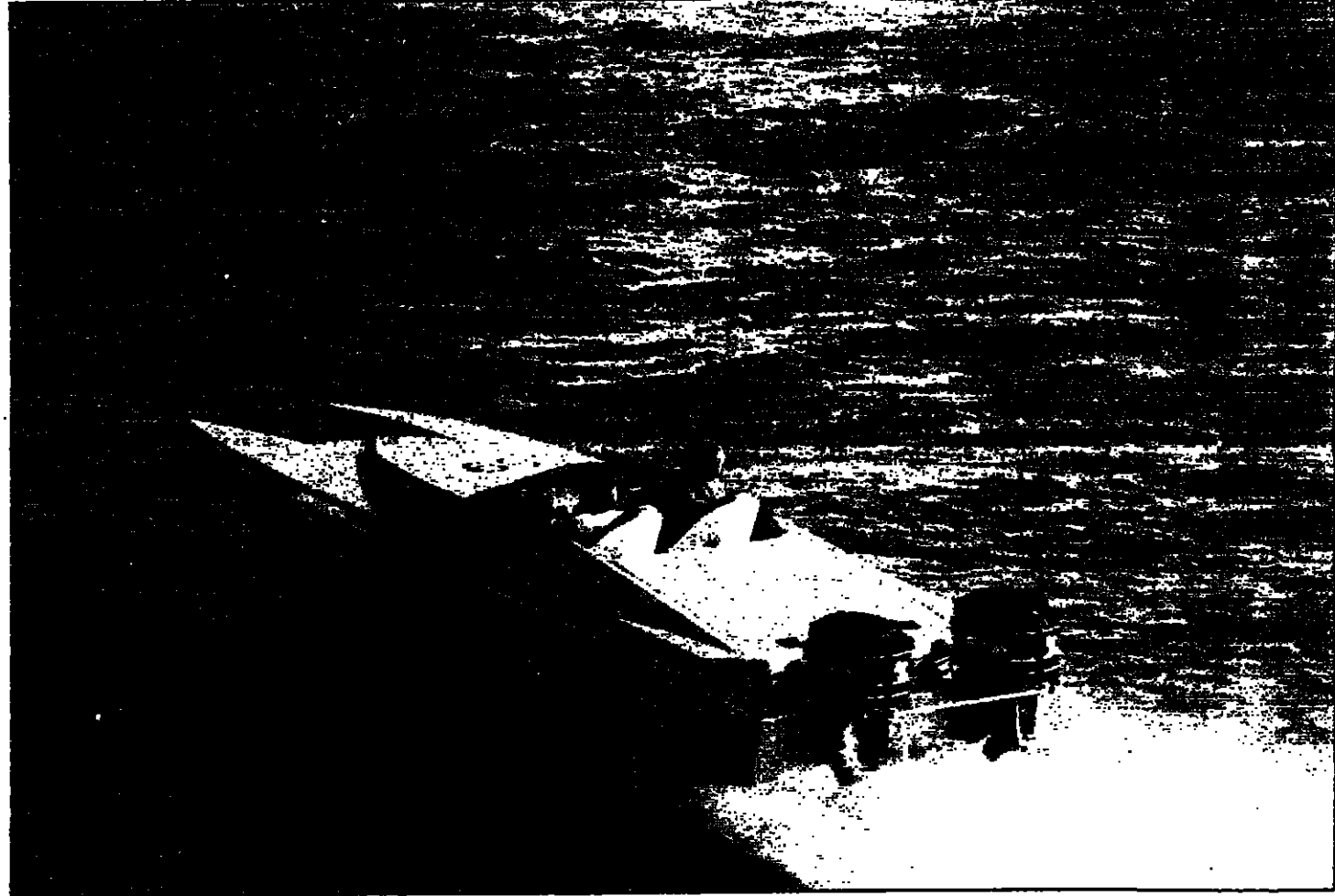
All the winners with race organisers.



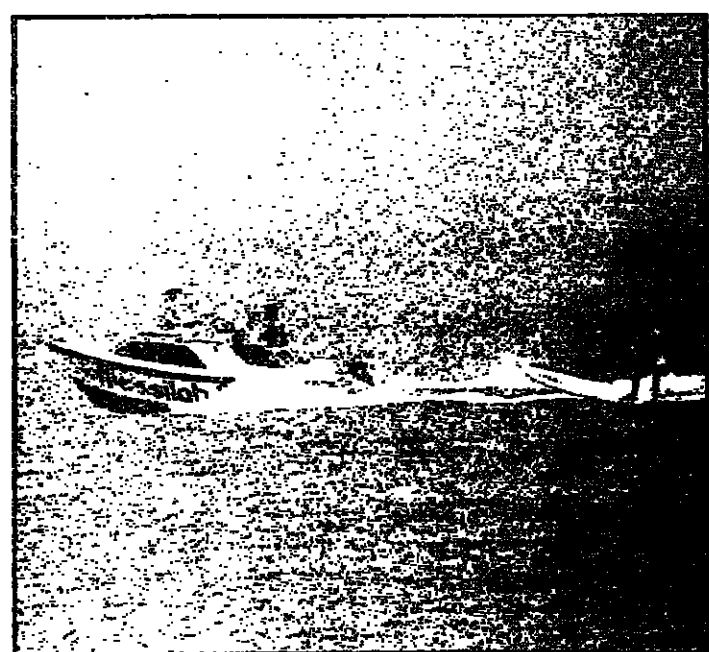
Organisers Wael Khoury (left) and Jack Lubbert share a joke.



Khalifa Al Qutami during the race.



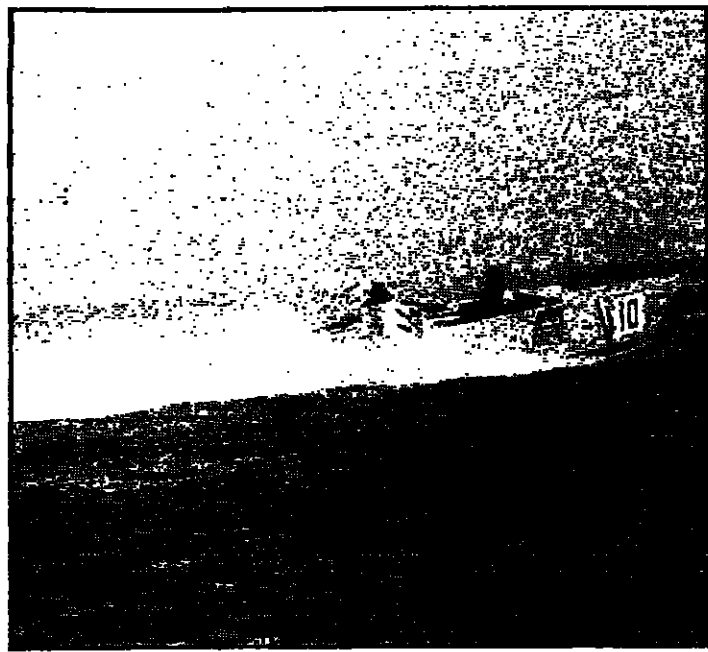
Hosam Sayafe going at full speed.



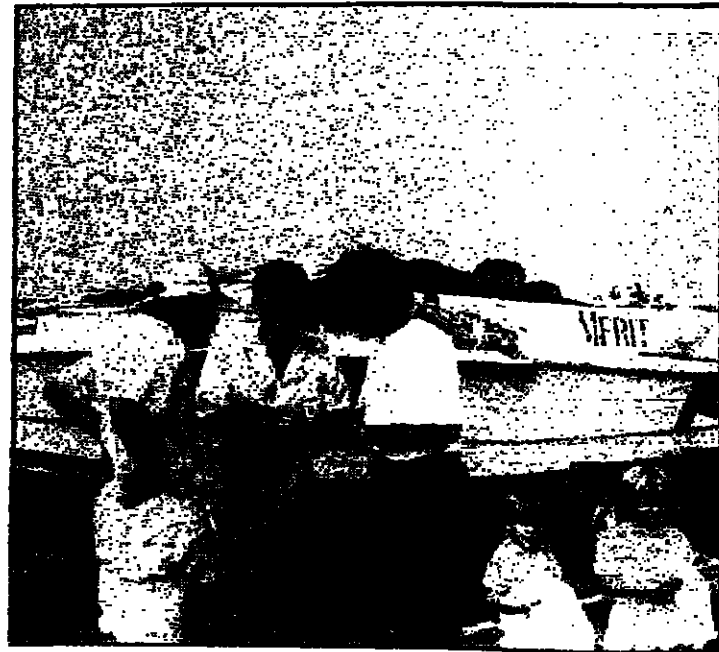
Some spectators enjoy themselves while following the race.



Bakhit (left) and his co-driver before the start of the race.



Salem Juma in action.



Mishal Al Jarallah during scrutineering.



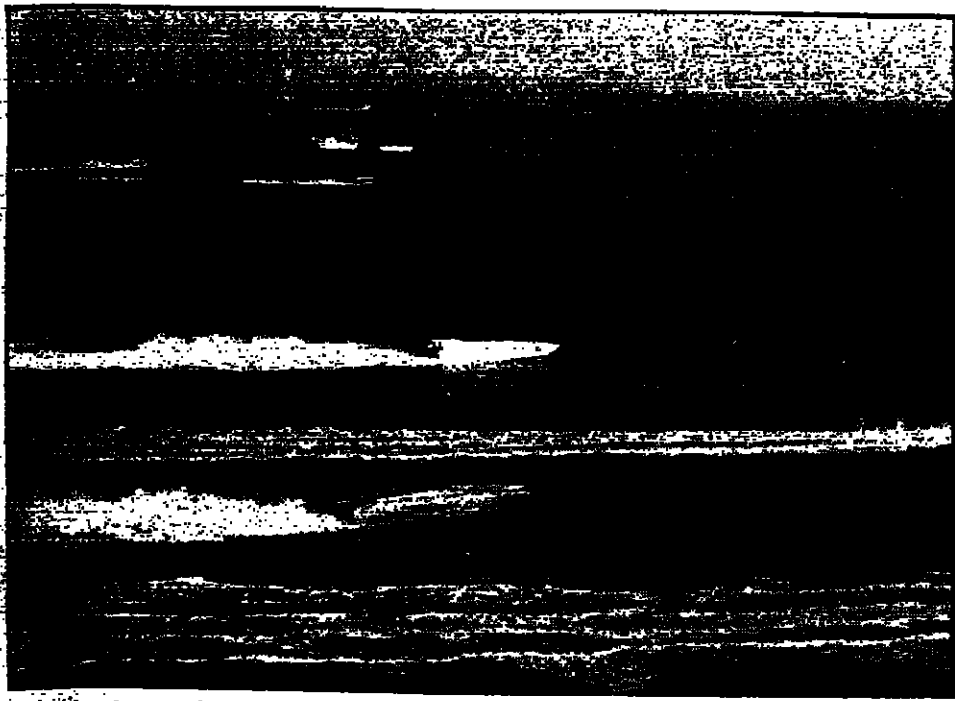
Bakhit's team make a last minute propeller adjustment.



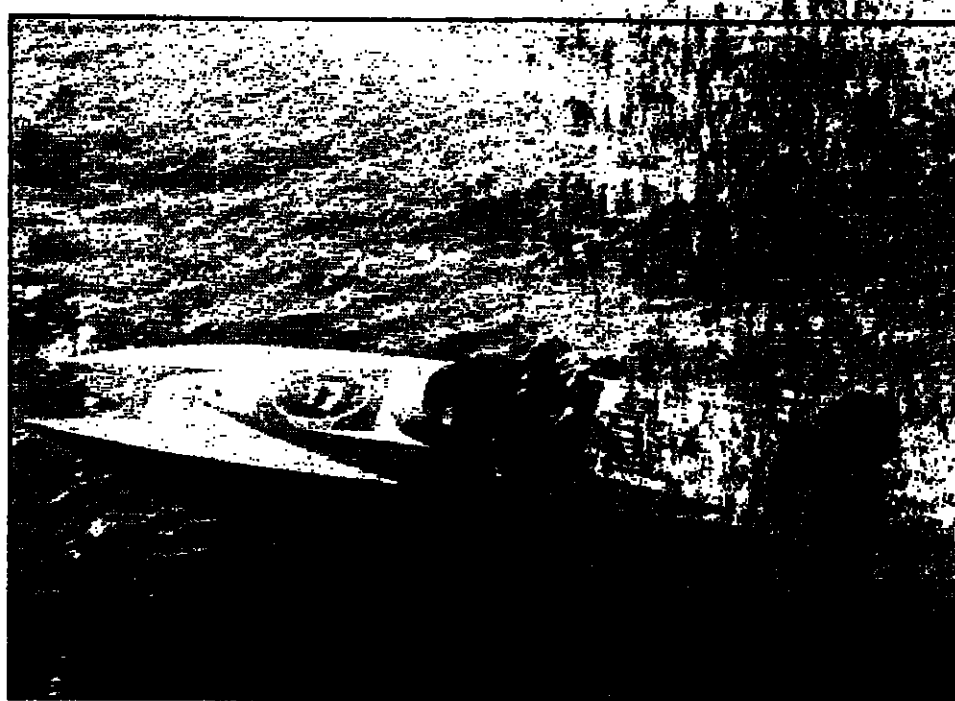
Khalifa Al Qutami and the Perrier team.



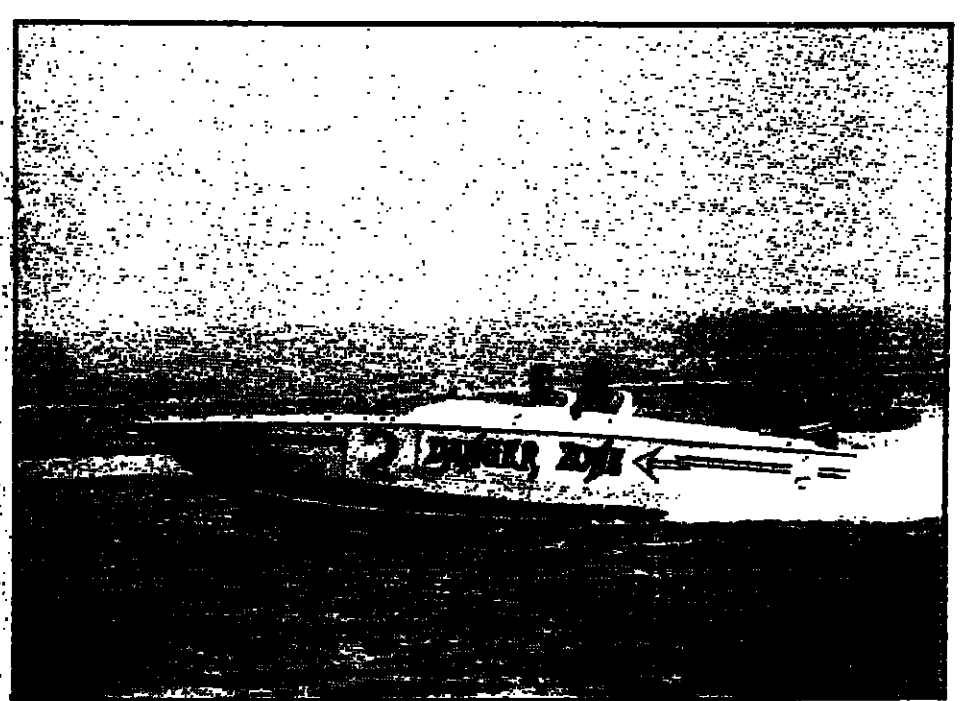
Salem Juma's boat at scrutineering.



Powerboats speed off at the start.



Al Qutami: early leader



Sheikh Khaled: limps home with broken engine

AL QUTAMI TAKES 2ND PLACE WHILE SHEIKH KHALED FINISHES THIRD

Al Khaled wins Kuwait Powerboat Race

By Gail Seery

NOVICE driver Khaled Al Khaled took a comfortable win over Khalifa Al Qutami and Nabil Faraj in yesterday's third bi-annual Offshore Powerboat Race. Khaled Al Khaled, driving a brand new 27ft Cougar Sportcat powered by 2x2.4 c.f.i. engines took the lead in the first third of the race, and held it thereafter, unchallenged except by the Emirates boat, driven by Salem Juma of Dubai.

Sheikh Khaled Al Sabah came in third, in one of the only two monohulls racing, partnered by Sultan Al Sultan. It was Sheikh Khaled's second race, but his first successful bid for a top finishing position. Only these three made it to the end of the 67.5 nautical miles race.

Delayed
Khaled Al Khaled took one hour and twenty minutes to cover the course, Qutami was five minutes behind him, and Sheikh Khaled came home twenty minutes behind Al Khaled. The race was delayed by one hour and twenty five minutes, for technical reasons, but other than that was of a better standard than the races in Kuwait to date. The day started well with scrutineering at Sha'ab slipway. This was a new feature for this race, and many spectators took the opportunity to see the big, racing boats out of the water.

From even a cursory look through the boats waiting for the race, it was easy to see that this race was, or should have been a totally different calibre of event from the June race. In that race only five boats were of racing standard, but this time there were no fewer than eleven racing catamarans, Skaters, Cougars and Tigercats entered by drivers from Kuwait and Dubai.

However, Khaled Bakhit of Dubai summed up the day by saying that most people seemed to have had luck in this race. Only nine of the thirteen entrants actually set out for the race, two of them, Sheikh Basel and Ahmed Al Ansari, several minutes after the others. Mishal Al



Al Khaled comes home to victory

Jarallah, who came second in the last race, was one of the drivers who had a technical problem with his boat and couldn't start. Hossam Al Sayaf had a minor accident only minutes after entering the water at Sha'ab. He flipped his boat, and wrote it off, and his navigator Amjad Qutaineh had to be taken to hospital with a broken leg. Sayaf himself was unhurt and joined the race boats as a spectator later.

The boats which actually started the race were Mishal Al Sharida, Khaled Al Khaled, Nadia Al Mutawa, Sheikh Khaled, Kalifa Al Qutami, Salem Juma, Mohammed Karam, and after five minutes, Sheikh Basel, then after 30 minutes, Ahmed Al Ansari. Both these last two drivers deserve credit for trying to catch the others, despite the time deficit. Sadly both encountered further

problems which put them out of the race.

Mohammed Karam and Sheikh Khaled pulled ahead at the start, hotly pursued by Khalifa Al Qutami in the Perrier boat, and Nadia Al Mutawa. Mohammed Karam encountered problems quickly however, and retired from the race before TPI.

The order past the first turning point was, Khalifa Qutami, Khaled Al Khaled, Nadia Al Mutawa and Salem Juma. Qutami held the lead for some time, challenged by Khaled Al Khaled with Nadia Al Mutawa and co-driver Jacqueline White in a very close third place. Behind them Salem Juma struggled to pull back the gap, but despite the 800hp his boat is graced with, could do nothing to close the gap.

Sadly Nadia Al Mutawa dropped out shortly afterwards, despite putting in some excellent

driving in the beautiful Cougar 25 footer. This duo are the Gulf's first ever ladies team but were giving the men a run for their money. Steering problems were reported as the problem.

From now on the field was dwindling rapidly. From the vantage point of the helicopter we paused to wait for any stragglers, but beyond Sheikh Khaled there seemed to be no-one.

Khaled Al Khaled took the lead, as the 27ft Cougar seemed totally at home in the light seas, and held it until the end. There was one determined attempt by Qutami to steal back the lead, but Khaled managed to fight him off, and Qutami dropped well back shortly afterwards. From then on, only the Emirates boat was challenging, despite contrary appearances when Mohammed Karam's boat appeared as if from nowhere. He and Hossam Sayaf kept pace with Khaled

throughout the remainder of the race, and were probably mistaken for racers at several points. They certainly put in some spectacular driving. Fortunately Khaled took the lead and continued to take the race very much in his stride. Salem Juma broke a shaft near the turn of the race, when in second place, but too far back to challenge Khaled.

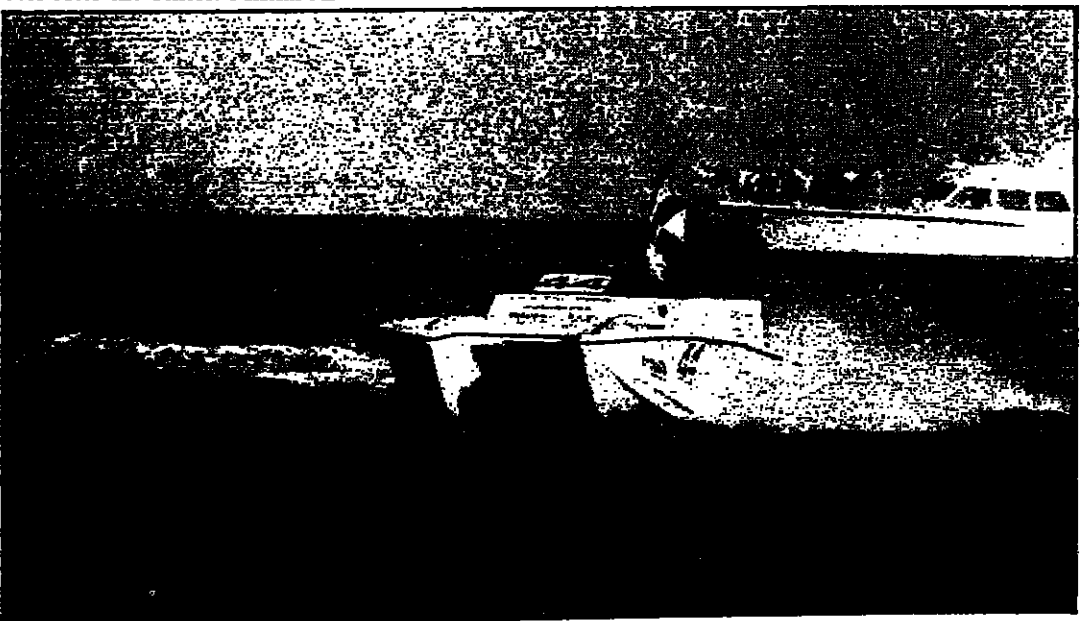
Khaled said after the race: "The race was a good one, I wish more of our people had been out racing. I wasn't driving fast, and my machine was only from 60 to 65 mph. The Cougar is fantastic. Khaled only took delivery of his boat at the beginning of the week, and has done well to bring it through to this position. I was surprised," he grinned. "I didn't think I would win this race. My only regret is that my Cougar team-mate Nadia didn't finish."

Broke
Ahmed Al Ansari explained his problems. "I spent 30 minutes before the race, got the engine, gear, and then took the propellers from Khaled's boat. We started 25 minutes behind the others, but carried on. Before the second check we had a fuel pump problem, stopped, fixed the filter, and then retired because we were so far behind the leaders. There's always next time."

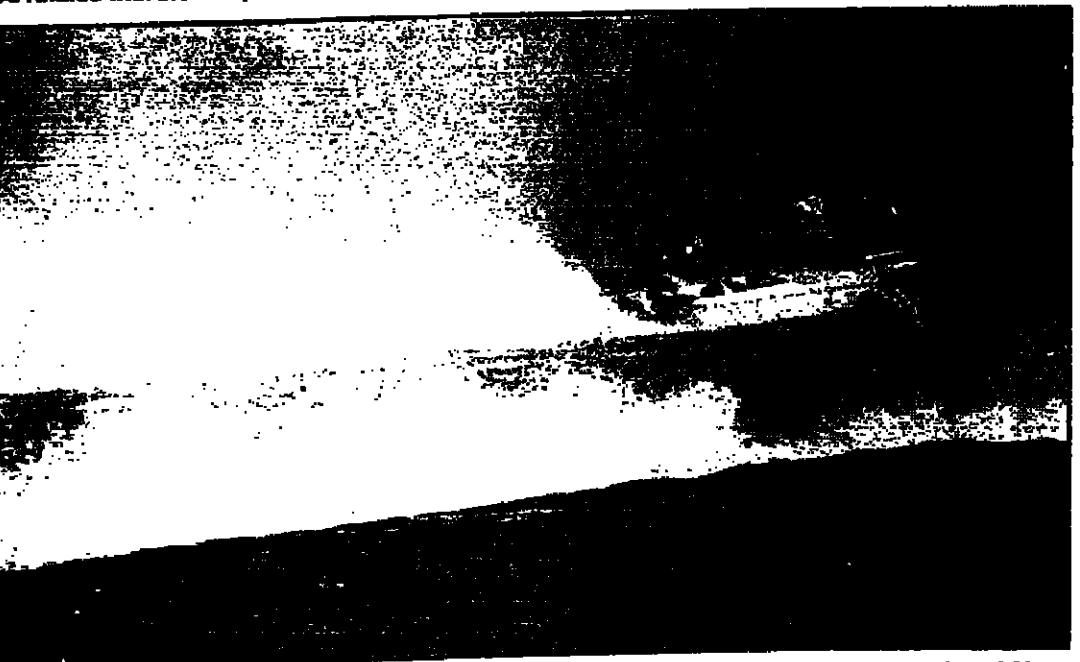
Sheikh Khaled and his throtleman Sultan Al Sultan were lucky to make it to the finish.



Ahmed Al Ansari: engine problems



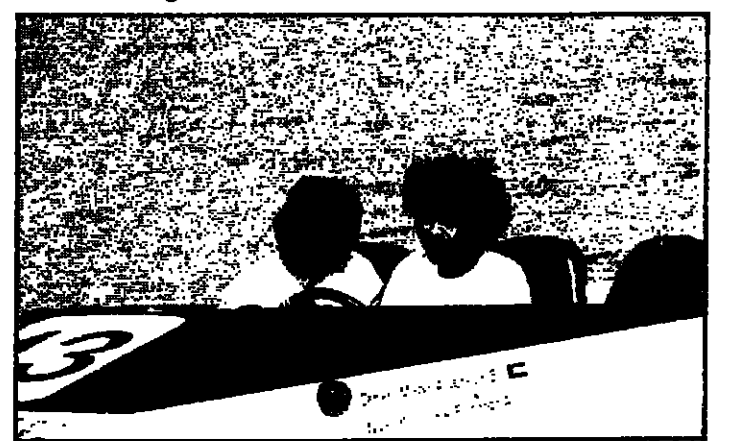
Al Khaled with the chequered flag.



Dean Edwards and Mishal Al Sharida hit steering problems early. (Photos by Gail Seery, Ahmed Al Barouni and Raed Al Qutaina).



Sheikh Basel: goes out of the race



Mishal Al Jarallah with his mechanic after being unable to start.

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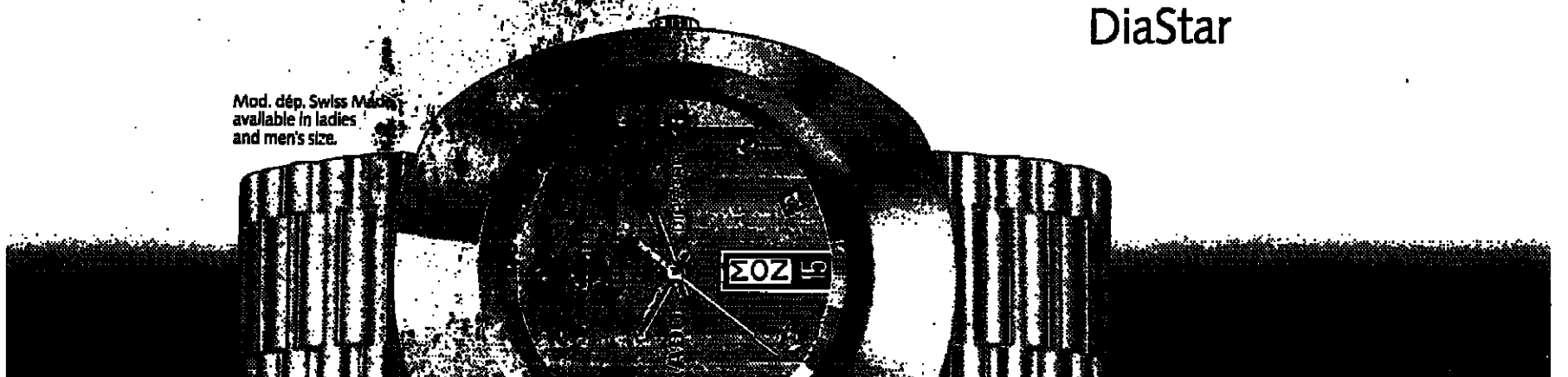
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